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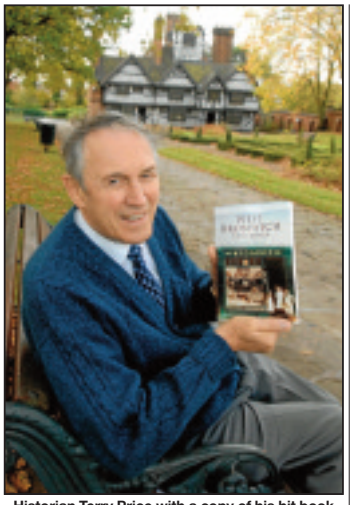

Historian Terry Price with a copy of his hit book

Popular book gets a reprint

A SANDWELL historian is having his book about West Bromwich published for a second time due to massive demand from the public.

There are more than 400 pictures in Terry Price's West Bromwich Yesterdays, which sold all copies of its original hardback run.

The book charting West Bromwich's history in pictures is this week becoming available in paperback.

Mr Price, who has had five other books published, said: "A lot of people were asking me if the book was going to be published again and the publishers recognised the demand."

Signing

The new edition is being released on Saturday and Mr Price will be signing copies at WH Smith in High Street, West Bromwich, from 11am onwards.

Terry said: "Almost all the schools in West Bromwich are in there and everyone who is pictured in the book is named. I think lots of people enjoy going through pictures and looking for themselves or members of their family."

After November 5, the book will be stocked in many book stores and online at Amazon. West Bromwich Yesterdays is published by The History Press, priced £12.99.

Poppy services

SERVICES to mark Remembrance Day will be held across Sandwell on Sunday, November 13.

Mayor Councillor Mrs Joyce Underhill will be leading the service at West Bromwich War Memorial in Dartmouth Park. Deputy Mayor Cllr Ann Shackleton will be attending the service at the War Memorial in Powke Lane Cemetery, Rowley Regis.

Other services will be held at Wednesbury Memorial Gardens, Smethwick War Memorial, Tipton War Memorial in Victoria Park, Oldbury War Memorial, and St Margaret's Church, Great Barr. All at 10.45am. A Festival of Remembrance Service will be held at West Bromwich Town Hall, at 7.30pm.

Three-year plan to bring total post cuts to 1,500

THOUSAND JOBS AXED AT COUNCIL

ANOTHER 1,000 jobs are set to be axed over the next three years at Sandwell Council.

Already 500 jobs have been shed but that figure is likely to triple as the authority slashes £75 million from its budget.

Sandwell's cabinet member for strategic resources, Councillor Steve Eling said the council had no choice but to shed more jobs due to the crippling level of savings it needs to make.

He said: "I reckon it is going to be 1,500 as a direct result of cuts.

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"We could be looking at another 500 next year and we could well be in a couple of years after that looking at another 500.

"It is a lot of jobs, but there again, these are big cuts."

Tough

Cllr Eling said tough choices will have to be made although details of where the axe will fall will not be reported until a later date. But he added: "At the end of the day we have to make decisions around quality versus quantity because we simply won't be able to maintain the same services at the same level following the level of cuts that we have.

"We have managed to maintain our services in the current financial year but some of our services, either now or next year, are going to be run on a shoestring in order to keep them going with the amount of money that is available.

"It is going to get tougher and tougher because the cuts coming in the next budget are coming on top of the cuts that have already been made. Year after year it just gets more difficult."

The council is having to make multi-million pound savings between now and 2015.

As well as redundancies, the council is also looking at other ways to save money such as selling off land and buildings.

Bogus alarm crooks jailed

TWO men who ran a £100,000-a-year bogus burglar alarm business have started lengthy jail sentences.

Harjit Kalian, aged 35, was given four and a half years behind bars while Ajay Chopra was jailed for two and a half years after offering to give evidence against his former partner.

The pair targeted the sick and elderly using scare tactics to con them into buying cheap alarms at vastly inflated prices, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard yesterday.

Prosecutor Barry Berlin said the former double glazing salesmen launched Pentagon Security in May 2007 and within a month both were acting dishonestly. The pair sold bargain basement alarms as top of the range units and ignored complaints when victims discovered they did not work properly.

The two crooks pocketed more than £100,000 in 12 months before the scam was uncovered.

Kalian took the lion's share and sacked Chopra four months before the racket was smashed by a joint investigation involving police and Sandwell Trading Standards, who had been alerted by victims horrified by spiralling phone bills.

They discovered 37 mainly elderly people who were prepared to go to court after falling for the scam but investigators believe the real number affected is far higher.

Kalian from Mount Road, Rowley Regis, pleaded guilty to 22 fraud offences involving people in Rowley Regis, Smethwick, Solihull, Oldbury, West Bromwich, Bilston, Dudley, Wednesbury and throughout Birmingham. Chopra of Baldwins Lane, Hall Green, admitted 10 specimen fraud charges.

Victims were tricked into paying up to £3,000 for alarms that were bought by the crooks for as little as £200.

People were also charged up £2,000 for a five-year monitoring package that cost £200 and were tempted to parting with even more money with promises of maintenance packages that did not exist. Those conned were aged up to 94.

Widow Agnes Bell, an 88-year-old dementia sufferer, was alone in the house where she had lived for almost 50 years when the tricksters from Pentagon Security Systems made a cold call.

She was quickly persuaded to buy one of their alarms for her home in Hope Street, West Bromwich.

Driven

Frail Mrs Bell paid a £60 deposit in cash and was then driven to the Britannia Building Society in West Bromwich High Street to withdraw a further £800. Staff would not let her make out a cheque because she had previously only conducted transactions when a relative was present.

Her 70-year-old retired delivery driver son Derek said: "I found she was missing from home when I called at the house and was just about to go out looking for her when a Land Rover drew up outside with her in the passenger seat. It was being driven by a man I had never seen before.

"She was determined to have the burglar alarm installed. I went with her and the salesman to get the cheque from the building society but told her not to hand it over until the alarm had been installed. By the time the fitters came she had forgotten where she had put the cheque and they would not do the work without seeing it. She found it again before the man from Pentagon Security returned. He told her he had a contract and would sue if she did not pay up.

"Her phone bill then leapt from £20 to £350 a month because of a fault on the system that meant that the monitoring company was being called every minute for no reason but we had no idea this was going on. We had to pay that and my complaints to Pentagon Security were ignored. I had to disconnect the alarm. I think the behaviour of the people from Pentagon Security was deplorable."

Huge haul of contraband booze seized in customs raids on town

MORE than 1.7 million cans of beer and bottles of wine have been seized by customs officers in Wednesbury in the largest alcohol bust in the Black Country.

Raids on five factory units at an industrial site in Wednesbury took place at the end of last week. Around 900 pallets were discovered containing both beer and wine – enough to fill 35 articulated lorries.

It would have swindled the UK economy out of £800,000 in customs revenue.

The beer seized included cans of Carling, Stella Artois, Fosters and Grolsch as well as bottles of Echo Falls and Blossom Hill wine.

Officers believe it was being stored to sell on in the Christmas rush.

During the search of the units officers found around £50,000 in cash hidden in a shoe box in a disused water tank on top of one of the offices.

Officers say investigations are on going and prosecutions are imminent.

Jennie Kendall, spokeswoman for HM Revenue and Customs said: "This is a significant haul of premium branded beer and wine that was primed and ready for mass circulation across the West Midlands in the run-up to Christmas.

"The revenue loss on the goods would have deprived the UK economy of £800,000. The effect on legitimate traders would have been devastating at what is their busiest time of the year.

"The gangs behind this form of criminality reap huge profits which are ploughed straight back into the criminal underworld, feeding activities like drug smuggling, people trafficking and fraud."

Crackdown

Sergeant Sean Griffiths, of Sandwell Police, who is part of the Safer 6 team said: "We are committed to working with our local partners in tackling crime. This operation has been extremely successful in taking a large quantity of illegal alcohol off our streets."

Sandwell Council's cabinet member for neighbourhood services, Councillor Derek Rowley, said: "This is another fantastic result achieved by working in partnership during the Safer 6 campaign."

The raids are part of Sandwell's Safer 6 campaign, a six week crackdown on crime as the nights draw in.

Officers have carried out police raids, while metal thieves have been targeted, drugs have been seized and community payback has been carried out.

During the past weeks, an imitation firearm has been recovered and tons of waste cleared from an arson hotspot.

Meanwhile, Trading Standards and Sandwell Homes officers have visited scrap yards to check their documentation to crack down on metal thieves.

An imitation firearm and a petrol bomb were recovered from an address in Pommel Close, Walsall, along with suspected class A drugs during a raid. The operation runs until Sunday, November 6.

Anyone who knows of someone selling cheap or duty free alcohol or tobacco should contact the Customs Hotline on 0800595000 or email customs.hotline@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk.

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Road chaos as drains overloaded with water

Cars make their way through the flooded Green Street, Oldbury

DRIVERS faced a week of misery after a water main burst on a major route in Oldbury.

Traffic along Birmingham Road was forced along a winding diversion around the town.

South Staffs Water carried out repairs to the main and the road was reopened on Monday.

Councillor Derek Rowley, cabinet member for neighbourhood services, said diversions were unavoidable, adding: "This was a major water main which burst."

Gushed

Traffic was sent along Rood End island, sent back up Oldbury Road, then up Spon Lane South, Kelvin Way, Bromford Road and back onto Oldbury Ringway.

When the main burst at 5am on Tuesday of last week. Water gushed into nearby Green Street, behind Sandwell Magistrates Court, flooding the road with water which rose just above the height of a car's wheel.

The flood was caused by drains being overloaded with water.

Water main gushes from the main

Council set to take over empty homes as landlords

FIFTY empty homes will be taken over from private landlords by Sandwell Council this financial year, in the first stage of a scheme to tackle the chronic waiting list for council homes.

Bosses intend to manage renting out privately-owned dwellings which are disused, initially on two-year leases, and pay the private landlords.

The move should be self-financing and provide social housing more quickly. Sandwell Homes will manage the scheme and take 17 per cent of the gross rent paid by tenants to cover its costs.

Chiefs admit there will be legal costs associated with negotiating leases which have not yet been calculated.

A review of the scheme will be carried out 12 months from the signing of the first lease.

A report by Kerry Bollister, the authority's area director for homes and communities, said: "The scheme has been designed to be, in the main, self-financing.

"A degree of uncertainty remains over the legal costs of signing individual property leases. A standard non-negotiable lease will be offered and landlords will be expected to pay all legal costs.

Locations

"There will however be a cost within the council for the sealing of arrangements. These costs have yet to be quantified."

The council has a housing waiting list of around 8,600 people. Meanwhile, 4,327 privately owned homes are unoccupied, of which 1,739 are long-term empty. Nationally there are some 650,000 empty homes.

An empty home is defined as one that has been empty for more than six months.

Site allocations for thousands of new Sandwell homes were approved by council bosses earlier this year. In line with Government targets, the authority has to build 21,500 new council homes by 2026.

The council's cabinet has approved locations for the first 12,000. They include 803 homes on a 50-acre site in Smethwick and 249 homes on a 27-acre site at Black Lake between West Bromwich and Hill Top.

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Dozen police cars in 100mph chase drama

A CAR thief took police on a 100mph chase through Sandwell – driving on the wrong side of the road and hurling missiles at his pursuers.

Stephen Holmes, who was on bail for another offence at the time, swerved at the police cars following him and threw heavy items including a wheel lock and tools.

The high-speed chase lasted for 35 minutes and more than 25 police officers and 12 police cars were involved in the drama. One police car had a windscreen smashed while two others sustained minor damage.

It all started after Keith Williams reported his Red Nissan had been stolen from outside his house in Badsey Road, Oldbury, on Tuesday night (October 25).

Police saw the car, which is worth about £200, in Coopers Lane, Smethwick, at 1am on Wednesday and the chase began.

But officers pulled away when Holmes started driving on the wrong side of the road.

Holmes was spotted again on the northbound carriageway of the M5 and was followed onto the M6 and then back onto the M5, where he was clocking speeds of up to 100mph.

Swerving

Miss Kelly Hale, prosecuting at Sandwell Magistrates Court last week said it was at this point he started deliberately swerving at police and throwing items out the car. She said there were lots of other drivers on the motorway at the time.

A police car windscreen was smashed and officers abandoned the chase for the second time. But Holmes, of no fixed abode, was arrested after he drove onto a coned area where roadworks were being carried out, between junctions five and six of the M6.

The 22-year-old pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicle taking, driving while disqualified, theft of a car and driving with no insurance. He was remanded in custody and committed to Wolverhampton Crown Court for sentencing on November 24.

Teenager who robbed woman is sentenced

A TEENAGER from the Black Country who pulled a pensioner to the ground and stole her gold necklace has been locked up for three years. The attacker, Akeem Robotham, was on bail at the time.

He attacked the 68-year-old woman as she walked in the Bearwood area, sending her rolling into the road.

David Lees, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court last week that the victim had been left nervous and constantly looking over her shoulder, fearful of another attack.

Robotham, 19, of Whyley Walk, Oldbury, was sent to a young offenders' institution.

He admitted robbery, and allowing himself to be carried in a stolen BMW that was being driven dangerously.

The court heard the BMW was involved in a police chase on July 18, and it crashed into a lamp post and two parked cars.

Robotham also admitted handling stolen property.

Mr Lees said that after a raid on a house in Broad Street, Oldbury, in which a TV and jewellery were stolen, police searched Robotham's home and recovered the items.

Benjamin Williams, defending, said Robotham was determined to make a fresh start.

Robotham was also given a 12-month driving ban.

Died in Malaysia

AN engineer from West Bromwich died after being hit by a motorbike in Malaysia, an inquest heard. Peter Witts, aged 63, of Chartley Road, was hit in Kuala Lumpur and died 10 days later of an embolism. Coroner Robin Balmain said the blood clot was a result of his injuries and concluded that he died because of a road accident.

Will's in the frame for Olympic film show

Young film-maker William Marsh with his award for best animation

AN ASPIRING animator from West Bromwich who turned his education around has won the chance of a lifetime to have his video screened at next year's Olympics.

Will Marsh, from Meyrick Road, Hill Top, won Best Animation for 20-25 year-olds at the Film Nation Shorts awards in London last week.

He graduated with a first-class honours degree in animation and animation games from Birmingham City University after struggling at school, and was thrilled to learn his video would be shown to an audience of millions.

"It's crazy," he said. "Having my video shown at the Olympics will be a great way to get noticed. It's a really cool thing for me to say I've done."

The video, which shows an athlete doing a combination of Olympic events all in one sequence, was part of a two-month project at university and beat off 350 entrants from around the country.

The 23-year-old admitted he messed about at Wodensborough CTC and had to go to Dudley College before he could get into university.

He said: "I attended Dudley College and because of my poor grades and I had to enrol on an entry level course and do an extra two years. It was frustrating but I learnt from my mistakes and really tried hard at college – it prepared me for my university course."

Will, who wants to be a character animator for films, admitted he was surprised to be shortlisted for the award and actually winning it was a huge shock.

He added: "I went down there not expecting to win. I had a great evening, and my heart was racing when they were about to announce to results. I was really nervous after they called out my name."

Help to get on the 'net

SANDWELL residents are being urged to get online to avoid missing out on opprtunities and benefits.

It is estimated that around eight million people in the UK don't use computers or the internet. As a result they could be missing out on opportunities.

The Central Library in West Bromwich is inviting people to spend an hour on the internet as part of Get On-Line Week, at a free taster session tomorrow (Friday) between 10am and noon.

Anyone wanting more information should call the library on 0121 569 4904.

Winter hours apply at recycling centre

WINTER opening hours have begun at the Household Recycling Centre in Oldbury.

They will be in operation at the centre in Shidas Lane until February 28 next year.

The site will be open from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays. The site will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Sandwell cabinet member for neighbourhood services, Councillor Derek Rowley said: "Since Serco became Sandwell Council's waste partner we have extended the summer opening hours by two months to include October and March, so this year has given residents lots of flexibility in the times they use the site.

"I would like to remind residents to make good use of the site's extensive recycling facilities over the winter and recycle as much as they can over the festive period. Residents should also take full advantage of their new kerbside recycling services we are introducing between now and January."

The range of recycling has broadened to include: hard plastics, paint, uPVC, mattresses, CDs, DVDs and bric a brac.

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Public can dig in to manor history

AN archaeological dig is to be carried out at one of Sandwell's most historic buildings next year.

The excavation is to take place at the medieval Manor House in West Bromwich in March and the public can take part. The plan is to excavate part of the site in Hall Green Road to find lost buildings once associated with the Manor House.

Leisure chief Councillor Linda Horton said: "This will be an exciting event and the community can get involved to hopefully find some hidden treasures."

An expert survey carried out by the University of Birmingham in 2007 revealed evidence of buildings and deep excavations across the site.

A number of sites of interest were identified using ground radar. They include probable barns, a dovecote, fish ponds, extensive moats and ditches. The Manor House was originally part of an extensive complex of buildings and enclosures and was the administrative and functional centre of the West Bromwich Manorial estate, mentioned in the Domesday Book.

Women cleared over dog charge

A TIVIDALE woman accused of being in charge of a dog alledged to have bitten her neighbour has been found not guilty.

It is believed that her neighbour Hannah Morgan was in fact bitten by her own pet during the fight between two dogs.

Lyndsey Spooner, aged 22, of Peel Way had always denied that her pit bull-type dog attacked Miss Morgan. She had previously admitted a charge of being in charge of a dog dangerously out of control in a public place. But last week a jury at Wolverhampton Crown Court found her not guilty of being in charge of a dog which had caused injury.

Spooner was walking her partner's dogs in Woodcroft Close in Cradley Heath, when the dog, called Leo, escaped from his lead. She said Leo went running off in the direction of Hannah Morgan, who was walking her Staffordshire bull terrier, Boss. Spooner told the court how she and Miss Morgan tried to pull the dogs apart. Miss Morgan was bitten during the incident.

Recorder Mr Patrick Upward gave Spooner a 12-month conditional discharge for being in charge of a dog dangerously out of control in a public place.

Award honour joy for nursery and museum

THE Black Country Living Museum and Tipton Toddlers Day Nursery have won awards.

The museum in Tipton Road, Dudley, was named the Best Daytime Family Attraction award at the Beacon Best Awards 2011.

Beacon Radio listeners nominated more than 1,000 businesses within 11 categories. The public then voted for their favourite businesses in the Black Country.

Tipton Toddlers Day Nursery was named best nursery.

The civic hall in Wolverhampton was named as the best nightclub or entertainment venue.

The best takeaway was deemed to be Percy Plonkers Hot Dogs in Cannock.

The nominated businesses gathered for the results at an award ceremony at Enginuity in Ironbridge, presented by Beacon Radio Breakfast presenters, Fresh and Emma.

Bonfire night free parking

A MULTI-STOREY car park in West Bromwich is extending its opening hours and offering free parking on Bonfire Night.

The Queen Square Car Park, off Bull Street, normally closes at 6pm but it will stay open until 10pm on November 5.

Abba tribute gig

Abba tribute act, Arrival UK, will perform at West Bromwich arts centre The Public on November 12 at 8.30pm. To book call 0121 5337161.

Memories of 'The Mighty Atom'

Doris Slark in action

THE HUSBAND of a popular Black Country landlady has paid tribute to his wife who died aged 80.

John Slark has many pictures and cuttings of his wife, Doris, who was known all over the region for setting up darts leagues and being a handy player herself.

Nicknamed 'The Mighty Atom' due to her 4ft 11in height, Doris won hundreds of trophies and represented West Midlands and Shropshire counties.

Mr Slark, of Railway Terrace, Wednesbury, said: "She was one of the best known darts players around the Black Country. There are lots of articles and pictures of her and I've kept them all."

At one point, Doris reached a world ranking of 15, and also played former world champion Maureen Flowers, but lost on both occasions.

John and Doris met aged 16, in the canteen at Rubery Owen in Darlaston.

John said: "The first time we glanced at each other in the canteen it was love at first sight."

Doris' love of darts was partly down to the couple running pubs for more than 20 years.

In that time they managed pubs across the Midlands, including The Old Crown in Great Bridge, The Three Horseshoes in Ocker Hill and The Dog and Partridge in Bilston.

Challenge

John said: "It was the competition she loved, the challenge, the atmosphere. I used to go with her to all her county matches. It was very exciting. I used to watch as she threw every dart, it would be agonising if she hit the wire."

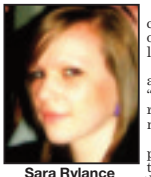
The great grandmother-of-three suffered a brain illness and had been in Sandwell Hospital. Her funeral took place on October 21.

John Slark with cuttings about his wife

Tributes are paid to canal death teens

FAMILY and friends of two Sandwell teenagers who died in a Smethwick canal have paid tribute to their loved ones.

Mohammed Fayz Uddin, aged 18, of Hanson Close, Smethwick, and 17-year-old Sara Rylance, of Albion Road, West Bromwich, are believed to have been boyfriend and girlfriend. Friends claim Sara attempted to rescue Fayz after he fell into the canal.



Sara Rylance

Mohammed Fayz Uddin

The pair were pulled from the Birmingham canal in Smethwick by the emergency services on the evening of Wednesday, October 26, but later died in hospital.

Sara's parents and sister issued a statement, after making an appeal for privacy. They said: "We are very proud of Sara for being so brave in risking her life to save another. She will be sadly missed by family and friends."

Fayz's father Gias Uddin said: "His mum phoned his mobile at 7pm and spoke to him but then we did not hear anything from him after that. It was only when the police turned up about 10.30pm that we knew something was wrong. It was such a shock and so upsetting for us all."

The teenager worked as a part-time waiter at a restaurant called Rajshahi in Smethwick after leaving Halesowen College.

Mr Uddin added: "He was such a good boy. He did not cause any trouble."

His uncle Nasir Uddin said: "Mohammed was a nice, caring young man."

Among those leading the tributes was Mick Green, principal of George Salter Academy in West Bromwich, where Sara was a pupil.

"We're all deeply shocked by this terrible tragedy and our thoughts are with both families," he said.

"Sara was a lovely girl who was full of promise. She was well liked by her fellow students and staff."

Vice principal of Halesowen College, Mary Higgins paid tribute to Fayz who had left the college in June after studying a one-year course in Business and IT. She said: "All the staff at the college extend our deepest sympathy to both families. It appears it was a tragic accident. We have put in place a support system for the pupils."

Shireland Collegiate Academy student Saif Aamer, who lives near Brasshouse Lane in Smethwick, said he had been friends with Fayz for many years. "He was a good genuine lad with a good soul," he said.

Friends of Sara also posted messages on Facebook. The site read: "We are so proud of you for trying to save the one you love, It takes great strength and courage. Well done, baby girl. We all love and miss you so much."

The tributes were paid as the inquest into the pair's deaths were opened by the Black Country's coroner, Robin Balmain. He said emergency services were called to the canal, off Brasshouse Lane, at about 7.30pm to reports two people were drowning. Mr Balmain said two people were pulled from the canal but efforts to save them were unsuccessful.

Reflections on Diwali lights

MORE THAN 1,250 people flocked to The Public in West Bromwich to celebrate Diwali and witness the switch-on of the West Bromwich illuminations. The arts centre in New Street, hosted cultural activities and family-friendly workshops themed around the festival of light, culminating in an eye-catching light procession through the building led by the Mayor of Sandwell Councillor Joy Underhill. Linda Saunders, managing director of The Public said: "The Diwali celebration day was a great day of entertainment attracting members of the whole community." Events manager Angela Rani is pictured preparing for the event. For more information about events at The Public visit www.thepublic.com or call 0121 533 7161.

Centre opens up after revamp

AN open day was held following a makeover out at a centre for vulnerable and homeless young people in West Bromwich.

The Chapter House Project, a Fry Housing Trust scheme in Phoenix Street, was chosen for a makeover by the Black Country Constructing Excellence Club as its project of the year.

Skilled workers donated their time for free over the past six months to transform the grounds, to create a recreational area.

Computers have also been installed which can be used by young people at the project and the wider community.

Value

The overall value of the project is around £30,000 in terms of labour and equipment, all donated free of charge.

Young people at the project have also received training from workers carrying out the makeover.

A total of 22 contractors and organisations, both local and national, supported the project.

Tickets on sale for rail display

TICKETS are on sale for this year's Warley Model National Model Railway Exhibition, which takes place at the NEC in Birmingham.

The show, which attracts thousands of model railway enthusiasts every year, runs on November 19 and 20. Fully functioning model railway layouts will be in action. Call 0844 5810737 to book tickets.

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OCD victim died after two months in chair

A WOMAN who suffered from obsessive compulsive disorder died after confining herself to an armchair for two months and refusing to eat, an inquest heard.

Samantha Hancox was found at her Tipton home with extreme pressure sores on her back and legs.

The 40-year-old weighed just four-and-a-half-stone, was severely dehydrated and was wearing stockings so tight they had cut into her legs.

At last week's inquest, which was due to last two days but was cut to one after Miss Hancox's mother died the previous week, Black Country coroner Robin Balmain said it was "undoubtedly the worst case of its type" he had seen in 35 years.

"To say it's a bizarre case is seriously understating it," he said. The inquest heard Miss Hancox, who lived with her elderly parents Ken and Marion in Andrew Road, had an overwhelming fear of germs that began when she was 14 after the death of her aunt.

At one stage she would spend up to 20 hours in the shower a day. Things got so bad that she was eventually detained at Hallam Street Hospital, West Bromwich, under the Mental Health Act but she won an appeal to be discharged in 2007 and moved back home. Her troubles continued and intensified in early March last year when her father fell ill.

She decided she would stay there because she was so worried about getting ill. She was found in her chair in May last year. Dr Ken Shorrock, who carried out the post mortem, said she died of severe pressure sores.

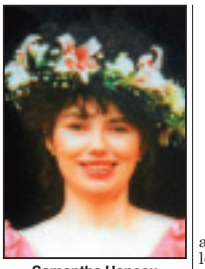
Mr and Mrs Hancox were arrested in connection with the death but there was insufficient evidence to prosecute. Det Chief Insp Jane Parry told the hearing neighbours said they heard "moaning" from the house.

In a narrative verdict, Mr Balmain said: "There is no doubt in my mind that the major factor is she neglected herself.

"She chose to do that. It was absolutely obvious this woman needed treatment. It was not going to happen in the home.

"Her condition was so appalling that it must have been obvious there was the need to pick up the telephone.

"It must have been obvious it was the only option available but it was not taken for whatever reason."



Samantha Hancox

Work will start soon on £15m leisure site

WORK is set to begin on a long-awaited £15 million health and leisure centre in Oldbury after contractors took over the site.

The Portway Lifestyle Centre will replace Oldbury Leisure Centre, Newbury Lane.

Facilities at the centre will include a four-court sports hall, hydrotherapy pool, cafe, sensory garden, climbing wall, dance studio and fitness suite, and a full artificial grass pitch.

It will also have a GPs surgery which will be called Tividale Family Practice.

A start date is now imminent after contractors Thomas Vale moved in.

Councillor Linda Horton, Sandwell Council cabinet member for leisure services, said: "Thomas Vale has taken possession of the site and work is under way.

"Very soon, we will see hoardings going up, site establishment and offices and the start of surveying and other preparatory work ahead of demolition in the new year."

Planning permission was granted for the first phase of the scheme in 2008, with work due to start in 2009, before it was hit with a series of delays.

Balance

The Government then announced a review of all health and social care building projects funded with Department of Health cash, leaving the centre's future hanging in the balance.

It finally received the go-ahead from the Government in April and now has a provisional opening date of 2013.

In April, the council, which had spent almost £400,000 on designs and planning, was told the scheme was one of just four in the country to be given cash .

Councillor Horton added construction would help create jobs and apprenticeships in the borough.

Closure of roads to delay motorists

PARTS of West Bromwich town centre are to be closed to traffic for up to six months for the £200 million Tesco regeneration.

Roads will be hit for work to take place on the scheme until April next year.

Closures are planned for Alfred Street, Colley Street, Cronehills Street, Griffin Street, Hardware Street, Queen Street, Messenger Lane and Walsall Street.

Motorists will also not be allowed to drive along New Street from its junction with West Bromwich Ringway to its boundary with The A41 Expressway.

A road closure order took effect from last Thursday but not all the roads will be closed from then.

Those roads serving town centre car parks will remain open until Tesco provide an alternative for shoppers.

Council bosses say there is no need for diversions.

Insist

Councillor Derek Rowley, the authority's cabinet member for neighbourhood services, said: "The roads affected are within the area to be redeveloped by Tesco."

Meanwhile, highways bosses insist an eight-month lane closure along Walsall Road, which is the main route between West Bromwich and Walsall, is needed for essential work and are doing their best to minimise disruption.

In came into in force along the dual carriageway last week.

The Highways Agency said the single lane section is on the southbound A4031, although the M6 will not be effected.

Agency spokeswoman Jo Carroll said: "The Highways Agency is carrying out concrete repair works to 12 reinforced concrete support structures that carry the elevated section of the M6 near Walsall.

"The repairs are essential to maintain the viaduct in a safe condition.

"Working hours will generally be during weekdays from 7.30am to 6pm."

Eight-year benefits fraud made £80,000

A FAMILY of five who pocketed almost £80,000 in a Black Country housing benefit fraud have all been spared jail.

The racket lasted eight years and involved three properties in Smethwick and Edgbaston, a Wolverhampton Crown Court judge heard last week.

The con involved newsagent Mahroof Hussain, aged 44, his wife Farida Bi, 43, his lover Manjit Dhillon, 41, and his sisters Farida Begum and Jamilia Bi, 39 and 35 respectively.

Dhillon gave a false name for her landlord while living in a house in Smethwick owned by Hussain and collected £40,805 in illegal housing benefit.

Farida Bi pulled an identical trick on another house in Edgbaston, bringing in £16,753.

Farida Begum made similar false claims, getting £14,302 over four years on a house in Bowden Road, Smethwick, owned by another relative.

Jamilia Bi pulled a similar scam, netting £4,446.

The women each admitted making false claims for housing benefits while Hussain admitted allowing his wife and lover to make false claims.

Dhillon was given a 10-month suspended jail term and 150 hours'work.

Hussain got a 12 months suspended for 18 months.

Farida Bi and Farida Begum each received six-month suspended prison sentences and 100 hours of work while Jamilia Bi was given a 12- month community order and 100 hours' unpaid work.

Stolen – puppy Spike and Oakley O'Brien, right, with one of posters the family have delivered in their search

Appeal launched after family puppy disappears from home

A VALUABLE puppy has been stolen from a Tipton home, weeks after a £10,000 litter of puppies was taken in the same street.

Spike the Dogue de Bordeaux puppy went missing from a home in St Mark's Road.

The 10-week-old had been given a home by Becky Bayliss and her family just before the rest of the litter – nine puppies in total – was stolen from a nearby house.

The dogs and their mother were later returned, although one had died.

Miss Bayliss has launched an appeal to get the dog back, as he has a bald patch on his face which needs treatment.

Spike went missing from the family home on the evening of Saturday, October 22, when Miss Bayliss's partner Dwayne O'Brien went to the shops.

Neighbours reported seeing a van outside the house, and the incident has been reported to the police.

Mother-of-two Miss Bayliss said she feared that the breed, worth £1,000 each, was being targeted.

Worried

"We're really worried because Spike is one of the family," said Miss Bayliss, who is mother to three-year-old Oakley and one-year-old Ilah.

"I keep wondering if he's being fed and being kept warm.

"We have told Oakley he is at the vets because he has been missing him.

"He isn't normally let out the house very much as he is so young but my partner only nipped to the shops and when he came back he had gone.

"We do believe he has been stolen, and we've reported it to the police.

"His collar was left behind in the kennel," she added.

The family have launched a poster campaign to find the missing dog.

West Midlands Police are investigating. Anyone with information should call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

In September, thieves broke through two padlocks on a back gate to get into a garden in St Mark's Road to take nine Dogue De Bordeaux puppies and their mother.

Libraries scheme to help blind

SANDWELL'S library and information service has signed up to a scheme to help serve blind and partially sighted people.

Libraries will adopt the "six steps" initiative, which includes providing collections of large print and audio books, making sure accessible technology is available, and have a library champion for the reading needs of blind and partially sighted people.

It is a national initiative between the Society of Chief Librarians, Scottish Library & Information Council and Share the Vision.

In addition, Sandwell Visually Impaired is hosting the third in a series of touch typing training sessions for visually impaired people.

Call 0121 525 4810, or visit www.sandwellvisually-impaired.org.uk for details of the one-to-one sessions at Central Library, High Street, West Bromwich.

Complaints on rubbish

COMPLAINTS from neighbours of a West Bromwich resident who puts out rubbish everyday of the week - not just on collection days - have been lodged with Sandwell Council.

It is suggested the rubbish, which is dumped in Coles Crescent, blows down the street creating an eye sore. There are also environmental concerns. The problem has been reported on website fixmystreet.com

Delay hit owner's restaurant plans

OWNERS of an arson-hit Tipton pub are still waiting for permission to begin its £250,000 transformation into an Indian restaurant.

Businesswoman Athlas Ahmed was granted planning permission in February to revamp the Dudley Port as a restaurant, creating 20 jobs, but has faced months of delays since to get building regulations, holding up the project. Mrs Ahmed said: "We hope to have started before Christmas."

The restaurant will be called Al-Mughal's of Dudley Port. The restaurant will cater for 500 people and serve up Kashmiri cuisine. There will also be space for 50 cars.

Fears over new shops

A CONTROVERSIAL row of new shops in West Bromwich is taking shape, with traders raising fears they will kill off trade for smaller business.

Roofs have been fitted to six ground-floor shops under construction on Hill Top. No tenants have yet been confirmed for the development but nearby business owners fear they will sell similar goods to their own offer.

Father-of-two Raj Saini, owner of Hill Top's Bargain Booze, said: "There are three shops on this small bit of road selling alcohol, magazines and snacks and if more shops start doing the same, it will be terrible for my business."

Ward Councillor Michael Middleton has meanwhile raised fears more shops will add to parking problems in the area.

A date for the shops to be finished has not yet been set.

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Depot closure puts jobs at risk

NEARLY 50 jobs are under threat in Oldbury after newly-launched delivery company Yodel announced it was almost halving its depot network.

Staff at the company's Brades Road depot have been told it will close early next year.

As well as the 49 jobs under threat at Oldbury, another 73 are threatened with the planned closure of Yodel's Kidderminster depot. But the delivery group says the cuts will have no impact on the company's 150,000 sq ft sorting centre in Willenhall.

This site employs 300 people and only opened in August.

It is on the site of the former City Link depot beside the Black Country Route.

A total of 45 of Yodel's 102 service centres will be closed, including Stoke-on-Trent and Coventry. The move is understood to be part of long-standing plans to merge the two operations that make up Yodel.

Yodel chief executive Jonathan Smith said: "This is not a decision we have taken lightly. "We have to make these changes to meet the needs of our customers and create a sustainable and profitable business model."

Pupils join junior police support

YOUNGSTERS from four Sandwell schools have become junior police community support officers in a first for West Midlands Police.

Ten pupils aged nine to 11 from each school have signed up to police their schools and local neighbourhoods alongside regular PCSOs.

The children spend an hour each week with officers, going out on patrol and helping to spot issues and areas of concern in their local areas.

They are also holding anti-bullying surgeries in their schools and helping to foster a good relationship between pupils and police.

PCSO Lisa Charmwell, from Wednesbury Police station, who set up the scheme, said: "The aim of the scheme is for the children to become aware of issues around them and to take ownership and pride in resolving them, such as advising local residents on parking issues.

"They will also advise their fellow pupils within school."

Schools taking part are Glebefields Primary, Tipton, Moorlands Primary, West Bromwich, Ockerhill Junior, Wednesbury and Harvills Hawthorn Primary. West Bromwich.

Firm fined £230,000 for injuries to workers

A WEST Bromwich food firm has been fined £230,000 after two workers were seriously injured at one of its factories.

The 2 Sisters Food Group, Dial Lane, was prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive over the incidents at its Suffolk factory.

Night shift supervisor Shaun Alexander, aged 42, from Kesingland, Suffolk, lost four fingers and part of his thumb on his right hand in December, 2009, at the company's plant at Flixton, near Bungay.

He was helping a colleague to clean equipment when his hand was pulled into two rotating cogs and crushed. A safety guard had been removed from the machinery, the HSE said.

And in January, 2010, fork lift driver Malcolm Raven, 54, from Lowestoft, suffered a broken arm at the same factory. He had been left in charge of a pre-slaughter area when a blockage led to his arm becoming trapped.

The company admitted two charges under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and was fined £230,000 and ordered to pay costs of £24,350 at Norwich Crown Court last week.

Speaking after the hearing, HSE inspector Julie Jarvey said the company had failed both members of staff affected. She added: "Both these incidents were wholly avoidable."

Liability

Firm spokesman Andrew Hanson said the company had worked to improve safety since the cases. He said: "2 Sisters Food Group accepts liability for the case at its Flixton site. It is regrettable that this indicated training of machine minders, hygiene operatives, supervisors and managers fell short of our stringently high standards.

"The case concerned is regrettable and the company has worked hard since this occurrence to improve its training procedures, risk assessments and systems of work for cleaning duties and operations within the Flixton factory. Safety of our employees at every site remains our highest priority."

School looks north for its next link-up

A SANDWELL primary school has unveiled a new partner school in the North East of England.

St John Bosco, in West Bromwich, is known for its international links, with partners schools in Poland, India and Gambia. It recently decided to link up with a school in England and has now created a relationship with High Spen Primary, on the outskirts of Gateshead.

Year six pupils at both schools have already begun to strike up friendships, writing and emailing each other, comparing differences between the schools and making videos about their local areas.

Paul Mobberley, a Year Six teacher at St John Bosco, recently spent a day at High Spen as a guest of their headteacher and met staff and children there. It is now hoped that as the year goes on there will be many joint activities including exchange visits.

With the 50th anniversary of St John Bosco in June 2012, plans are already in place for a group from High Spen to join the celebrations.

Late night at museum music up for decision

SANDWELL'S Manor House Museum wants to start offering late-night music. The venue – the only Grade-I listed building in West Bromwich – has applied to provide entertainment until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays and until 10pm from Sunday to Thursday but there is no request to sell alcohol.

The proposal would allow it to provide live music, recorded music, dancing and films. And, although an alcohol licence is not involved in plans for the Hall Green Road premises, residents are worried the changes could see the return of the problems they had when the building was a pub. These included littering and noise.

But museum bosses say they will be carrying just a "small number of evening activities" and stress it is not re-opening as a pub.

In letters received by the council, one Hall Green resident said neighbours were especially worried about excessive noise, damage to property and cars, and litter/broken bottles being left in the street.

Another resident said: "If the proposal is passed I fear that the time slots for the venues will greatly disrupt the quality and peace of the area."

The Manor House used to be a pub and restaurant offering late-night entertainment.

Small

It had operated since the 1960s but the licence was surrendered in February 2009 and the building was taken into the care of Sandwell Museum Service.

Frank Caldwell, Sandwell's museums manager, said: "We are not reopening it as a pub.

"We will be carrying out a small number of evening activities because people have told us they want to hear music in a grand hall.

"The last thing we want is people behaving antisocially in our building."

The application was due to be discussed by licensing bosses this week .

Maintenance firm starts on £45,000 deal

WEDNESBURY maintenance firm Greenscape has won a £45,000 contract to fit more than 35 new kitchens to a number of housing co-operatives in Birmingham.

The kitchens will be fitted to homes in Balsall Heath, Aston, Saltley and Small Heath, which are managed by five housing co-operatives.

Greenscape was chosen from a number of other businesses by the co-operatives.

Work.fitting worktops, cupboards and sinks to houses and flats started last month and is expected to be completed by March.

Greenscape business development manager Phil Greaves said: "We are delighted to have been chosen to undertake this project.

"With more than 26 years of experience, we offer a friendly and value-for-money service which was very appealing to the co-operatives."

Greenscape provides a range of services to not-for-profit organisations and private firms in the region from window cleaning, gardening and landscaping to repairs and maintenance.

It employs 50 people.

Cannabis workers are sent to prison

TWO illegal immigrants who admitted working as gardeners at a cannabis factory in Cradley Heath where 1,000 plants were discovered have been jailed. Tuan Nguyen, 24, and Mguyen Van, 20, of no fixed abode and originally from Vietnam, were arrested on August 8 after a raid on commercial premises.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week the plants were split between three rooms around the building. High intensity lights had been installed and programmed to come on at certain times along with fertiliser and other materials to grow the plants.

The court was told by prosecutor Mr Mark Rees, that the yield of plants had a street value of several hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Nguyen and Van were both jailed for 21 months and told they would be deported back to their native Vietnam at the end of their sentences.

Ribbon is cut at new Co-op

Store manager Robert Collins, MP Adrian Bailey, Victoria Loa and Justin Stackhouse officially open the new Co-op store on Hill Top, West Bromwich

A WEST Bromwich supermarket, which has created 35 jobs, has opened its doors to shoppers.

The Co-op store in Hill Top held an official opening last week, attended by West Bromwich West MP Adrian Bailey and pupils from the nearby St John Bosco Primary School.

Customers were invited to take part in food sampling and enter a competition to win a brand new Citroen C1 car at the opening.

Pupils from the Monmouth Drive school, including 10-year-olds Victoria Loa and Justin Stackhouse, both received prizes for posters they designed announcing the store's opening.

Store Manager Robert Collins said: "The store is looking great. We have an excellent team in place all excited to get to know our new customers."

Around 500 people had applied for the 35 jobs on offer.

Work on the store began in March. The site, opposite The Dovecote Arms, was once a car showroom. There are six ground floor shops under construction on the adjacent site.

Band on stage for hit concerts

THE Langley Band will perform a series of concerts later this year. It will be at The Barlow Playhouse at 8pm on November 30. More concerts will be held on December 2 at 8pm and on December 3 at 7.30pm.

The band, under the leadership of musical director Cliff Parker, will perform a range of tunes from traditional brass band music to pop and classics.

Tickets at £7.50 each and are available by calling 01384 918547 or emailing peter.jones@langleyband.co.uk

Poetry dedicated to school

A WEST Bromwich author has released his fourth poetry book – dedicating it to pupils at the town school where he works.

Colin Nicholls, who is in his 60s, has just released Bostin Fittle, a collection of poems which have been influenced by his life in the Black Country.

They include The Girl From Wednesbury, talking about a man who falls in love with a girl from the town.

Mr Nicholls started writing in the early 1990s and has been a classroom assistant at Hall Green Primary School in West Bromwich for four years.

In the foreword Mr Nicholls said: "This book has been dedicated to the wonderful children of Hall Green School. Teaching is not an easy occupation but for every miserably hard day there have been 50 great ones."

Immigrant jailed over drugs charge

AN illegal immigrant who tried to escape arrest by running past police after officers swooped on a Black Country cannabis factory has been jailed.

Tai Le, aged 30, fled down the stairs at the address where he was tending to 100 plants after police arrived.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that his attempt to escape failed and he was detained at the scene, in Compton Road, Warley, and arrested.

Le, of no fixed address but originally from Vietnam, had pleaded guilty to a count of producing a class B drug at a previous hearing at Warley Magistrates Court. He was jailed for 30 months and will be deported back to Vietnam on his release.

Miss Sati Ruck, prosecuting, said around 100 small cannabis plants had been found. The electricity had also been bypassed to provide the power needed to help grow the plants.

Miss Sarah Heard, defending, said: "He is resigned to the fact he will be returning to Vietnam at the end of his sentence and has said he will not trouble Britain again."

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Hospital ward is officially opened

A NEW inpatient ward was being officially opened at Rowley Regis Hospital.

After months of planning, the first patients are settling in to the Henderson Reablement Unit, which has created 30 jobs.

Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris opened the 22-bed ward. He said he was delighted the trust has invited him.

"That it is opening at all shows that even an organisation as large as the NHS can respond to the wishes of our community," he said.

Health and social care staff will work with voluntary carers to make sure patients can return to their home or care home, and manage their own care.

Confidence

Ruth Williams, community rehabilitation service manager, said: "We have been able to offer this type of care in people's homes but not in a unit.

"Patients who have recovered from their illness but need time and help to build up their strength and confidence again, will have a stimulating environment to practise the everyday activities that will improve their independence."

The unit is open to people with a Sandwell GP who need support to regain independent, or have a planned discharge date.

Plans for the ward were developed by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust's new Sandwell Community Adult Health division which runs community services.

Getting ready to dig, Lions from left: Robert Metcalf, Clyde Redfearn, John Hand, John Butler, Harry Fry and Mike Jobbins

Get digging, plead Lions for tree-mendous project

SANDWELL Lions will be roaring into action for a community project which will see them plant 987 trees.

The group is appealing for helpers to take part in a community tree planting event at Sandwell Valley Country Park, on Sunday November 20, at 10am.

Paul Murphy, of Sandwell Lions, said: "Part of our club's service activity this year is caring for our environment.

"Trees are like the lungs of the planet and because any of us can plant a tree it is a very visible hands-on way for us to make a difference.

"To plant all these we are going to need help and that is why we are appealing to the public to join us in helping our local environment."

There will be an information tent at the entrance to the park to direct visitors and provide spades.

Suitable footwear and clothing are advised. Call Paul on 0796 304 1204 or visit www.sandwell-lions.co.uk for more details.

MP praises council for supporting Sure Start

SANDWELL Council has been praised by one of the borough's MPs for battling against Government cuts over children's Sure Start centres.

After research by the Labour Party was released showing the extent of the cuts on Sure Start centres, John Spellar, has praised the council for working hard to secure all 21 centres in the borough.

The children's centres bring together support agencies to offer a wide range of support and services to parents and carers.

Keep

The MP for Warley said: "Sure Start Children's Centres are a vital part of the community, where parents and carers can access quality childcare and early learning activities, as well as many other services which support them in bringing up their child.

"That our local authority has managed to keep these centres open despite a 20 per cent cut in budget is commendable."

Mr Spellar added: "Before the election David Cameron promised to protect and build on Sure Start.

"Instead we are seeing centres closing and services being cut across the country.

Councillor Bob Badham, cabinet member for children and families, said: "Despite the severe cuts the Government has forced upon councils, Sandwell is almost unique in managing to keep its 21 children's centres open.

"Keeping these centres open means children and families in Sandwell can continue to have the help and support they need to improve their lives."

Figures show that 83 per cent of councils are being forced to cut funding to Sure Start centres.

The figures also show that qualified staff, including teachers, are being laid off by a third of councils.

Sandwell has had to tackle a 17 per cent cut in spending in the year 2010/11.

This will rise to 20 per cent in 2011/12.

Vital

Mr Spellar said he was pleased the council has recognised the importance of the centres by continuing to support them.

He added: "Sure Start Children's Centres are a vital part of the community, where parents and carers can access quality childcare and early learning activities, as well as many other services which support them in bringing up their child."

Police seek help to track suspects of football fight

FOUR men are being sought by police investigating a fight between rival football fans on a crowded tram.

Officers last week released these images of the men they want to speak to following trouble before West Bromwich Albion's match against Stoke City at The Hawthorns.

A fracas broke out on the Midland Metro as fans went to the ground on August 28.

Investigating officer Pc Phil Baker said: "On tram number 11 at about 2.20pm, one fan was seen to gesture towards opposing fans further down the tram carriage.

"Two men pushed through the crowded tram towards the man, who made the gesture and a disturbance broke out, during which a fourth man also got involved.

The first man is aged about 60, with short, grey hair, of medium build and wearing a dark-coloured hooded jacket, blue shirt, light-coloured jeans and white trainers with black stripes.

The second is in his mid to late-30s, with a shaven head, of medium build and wearing a long-sleeved black top which had an open neck with a zip and a white motif on the chest, light jeans and dark shoes.

The third is in his early 20s, of slim build with collar-length brown hair with a long fringe, wearing a brown woollen hat, checked shirt with a hood, a horizontal striped top with collar and dark jeans.

Tattoos

The final man is in his mid-20s, with short, fair hair which was shaven at the sides, of medium build, with tattoos on his left forearm, the outside and inside of right forearm and tattooed words on his neck.

Call 0800 405040, quoting incident reference B10/WWA of 24/10/2011, or Crimestoppers anonymously.

This grey-haired man is being sought

Do you know this shaven headed man?

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A younger suspect police want to trace

Eco-frienldy homes group wins award

SANDWELL Homes has been recognised for keeping its supply chain eco-friendly with an award as Social Housing Provider of the Year.

The organisation, which manages 29,000 homes on behalf of Sandwell Council, was picked out of a shortlist of six companies, including Black Country Housing Group, and presented with a trophy and certificate at a ceremony in London.

The ceremony was hosted by Inside Housing, a weekly magazine, at the Hilton Hotel, and comedian Marcus Brigstocke presented the awards.

Sandwell Homes' new chairman and Bishop of Dudley, the Rt. Revd David Walker, attended the ceremony. He said: "This award demonstrates Sandwell Homes' commitment to being a sustainable business and is testament to the efforts of employees and tenants in helping to achieve it."

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Cabbies want freeze on new taxi licences

TAXI drivers in Sandwell have called for a freeze on new licences being issued as they battle to stay afloat in the face of falling trade and stiffer competition.

The hackney carriage drivers are appealing to Sandwell Council because, they say, conditions are worse for their trade than they have ever been.

The economic downturn has led to a dramatic decrease in passenger numbers, with some drivers claiming they are picking up an average of 15 passengers a day now, compared with 30 this time last year.

It is also claimed the number of hackney carriage drivers in Sandwell has increased from about 100 last year to 150 this year.

Onkar Basra, who represents hackney carriage drivers in the borough, has urged the council to act.

"I have been a taxi driver for the past 12 years but this is the worst I have ever known it," he said. "There was a time when we wouldn't be waiting at a taxi rank for more than five minutes before we picked up a passenger. Now it can be over an hour. We need council to stop giving out licences. There needs to be a maximum number of drivers."

Mr Basra said he knew of four cabbies who had already quit because they could not afford to keep going.

Cheaper

Steven Baker, aged 38, one of the borough's longest serving hackney carriage drivers with 15 years under his belt, said he was on the brink of packing it all in.

"Insurance has gone through the roof, competition is very hard, we are being asked to run cheaper and cheaper but we can't afford to," he said. "If the council put a limit on the number of drivers I think it would help."

Councillor Derek Rowley, Sandwell's cabinet member for neighbourhood services, said: "Councils cannot stop people applying. If we started rejecting applications because some people claim there are already too many hackney carriages operating in the borough then it would be open to challenge in the courts."

The council recently extended the hackney carriage rank in High Street, West Bromwich, leading to complaints from private hire drivers that hackney carriage drivers were "stealing" their passengers.

Pupils are picture of success

Katie Garrett, front, and Denisha Dass with, back, Phoebe Sanders, Jack Talboys, Thomas Johnston, Ben Williams, Alicia Gindhay, Saber Ahmed and art teacher Fiona Griffin

YOUNGSTERS from an Oldbury school have come top the annual Arts and Minds competition.

Arts and Minds is a UK-wide competition in schools. Pupils from primary, secondary and special schools are judged in art and creative writing.

And a group of Year 8 to 10 pupils from Perryfields High School in Oldacre Road, have been crowned winners in the Group Artwork (Secondary) category for their entry, called Our Arts and Minds.

Pupils from the school attended the national awards ceremony last month to receive their prizes.

Chris Keates, general secretary of competition organisers, teaching union the NASUWT, said: "I never fail to be amazed and inspired by both the quality and sheer volume of entries we receive for this competition and this year has been no exception.

"The NASUWT is proud to organise the Arts and Minds competition which is a really effective and enjoyable way of promoting and celebrating cultural diversity.

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Mosque leaders buy former methodist church

A MUSLIM association in Cradley Heath has bought a church as it weighs up expansion plans.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association has finalised a deal to buy the former Long Lane Methodist Church in Halesowen.

Mosque leaders have not ruled out a controversial plan to extend the Baitul Mahdi Mosque on Newtown Lane, Cradley Heath, which includes the former St Luke's Church Hall, despite putting the building up for sale.

Dr Masood Majoka, the association's president, said it planned to expand in the area but no firm decisions had been set for a move.

He added: "We have now bought the Long Lane church and that's where we are with our plans at the moment.

Minaret

"We have been using it every day of the week. We are still using the mosque on Newtown Lane as well. It may take another month or so before we decide if we will sell the Cradley Heath site."

Dr Majoka said interested parties had come forward for the Cradley Heath mosque but any decision on a sale would be taken with the association's London HQ.

The association won planning permission on appeal in May to extend the Cradley Heath mosque. Plans would see a 23ft tall dome and a 43ft tall minaret erected at the Baitul Mahdi Mosque. They were initially rejected by Sandwell Council planning chiefs in November but planning inspector Penelope Metcalfe overruled the decision

She said the minaret would not be unduly obtrusive, or unattractive.

Memorial service at museum

A WAR memorial honouring soldiers who served in both world wars will be at the centre of a Remembrance service at the Black Country Living Museum.

The eight-ton bronze figure, nicknamed 'Tommy', commemorates former Springfield Brewery workers in Wolverhampton.

Twelve standard bearers, representing the British Legion, will be attending the ceremony.

Major Ray Baddams, Salvation Army Chaplin will be conducting the service.

The Springfield Brewery Retired Employees Association has held a service at the monument each year since 1923.

Conflicts

The Remembrance Service was originally intended to commemorate those who died in the First World War but now pays tribute to all who have suffered and died in conflicts in the service of their country.

The event takes place at 10.30 am on November 11.

Mayor's sale for charities

HEAVY rains failed to dampen the spirits at an inaugural table top sale held in Oldbury.

The fundraising event was organised by the Mayor of Sandwell Councillor Joyce Underhill to raise money for her chosen charities at Market Square.

While the numbers took a bit of a hit due to the bad weather, hopes are high the table top sale will be repeated, possibly to tie in with the forthcoming Christmas market.

Cllr Underhill thanked all those who took part in Thursday's event.

Repeat

"Originally, we were expecting 24 people who had paid to have a stall but in the end we had about eight or nine," she said. "But a lot of the traders asked if it was something we could do again because they liked it. It would be nice to repeat it again."

Books, greeting cards, wooden items and hand made dolls' clothes were just some of the items on offer at the sale.

The mayor is this year raising money for the children's diabetes unit at Sandwell Hospital and organisation which battle prostate cancer.

Sandwell mayor Cllr Mrs Underhill on the book stall at her fundraising event

More than one third of hospital staff unchecked

MORE than 2,000 workers at the trust that manages Sandwell and Rowley Regis Hospitals have not had a criminal record check.

The Chronicle's sister newspaper, the *Express & Star*, has learned that of the 5,595 staff holding regulated positions at the Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals Trust, 2,014 – or 36 per cent – have never been assessed for criminal convictions.

Regulated positions include midwives, doctors and nurses.

The figures were discussed at a meeting of Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals Trust. Board members said 37 per cent of workers had been CRB checked in the past three years, while another 26 per cent had been checked while working for the trust.

Chief nurse Rachel Overfield, who oversees management of the CRB checks, said the backlog was a result of the large number of staff members who started working for the trust before the CRB laws came into force.

She said the trust was under no requirement to clear the backlog and added that all staff members working with women and children had been checked.

"Some of these people have been with us for many, many years," she said. "This is not something that is unique to us. It's the same in teaching and other public sector professions.

"We have cleared the backlog for women and children, and next we will clear the backlog for A&E workers."

Miss Overfield said the previous Labour government had planned to introduce a vetting scheme which would have alerted employers if a worker had a criminal record.

She said it was understood that the Coalition Government was planning to introduce something similar but it was not known when this would be.

Plan to ease congested M6 junction is 'dead'

A PROPOSAL for a congestion-busting flyover above Junction 10 of the M6 is "dead and buried" through lack of funding. It was hoped the plans would solve problems at the notoriously congested junction, which is used by 150,000 drivers daily despite being designed for half that number. But leader of Walsall Council Mike Bird said the plans could not go ahead because there was simply no cash to keep the idea afloat. He said: "While it will always be on the anvil, it is effectively dead and buried."

Three out of 30,000 return waste food containers

THREE food waste containers buckets have been returned by householders in Sandwell since the scraps recycling scheme began last month.

Around 30,000 homes have received the containers so far, but by January 128,000 homes will get them as part of the recycling initiative. The scheme is operated by Serco and a spokeswoman said the three returned containers were from residents who had their own home composting systems.

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Good guys winning war on superbugs

A SMETHWICK company has announced a scientific breakthrough which it says harnesses bacteria to provide a cheap and safe way to eradicate hospital superbugs.

Chemex International says it has developed a cleaning fluid which uses friendly bacteria to eliminate harmful bacteria.

Results of successful trials were revealed to the Infection Protection Society conference in Bournemouth.

Sean Derrig, scientific director of Chemex International, said the new system had been successfully trialled with the NHS and was now being launched across the UK as Chemzyme Plus.

"Our research has proven that employing friendly bacteria in a cleaning product rather than harsh chemicals drove out the bad bacteria that can be harmful to humans," Mr Derrig said.

Sean Derrig, scientific director of Chemex International, uses friendly bacteria to eradicate germs

Protective

"The bad bugs were completely eradicated and the good ones did a great job of eating dirt and grime as well.

"Its fighting fire with fire. The friendly bacteria chase out germs and form a protective bio-film shield that is tougher than Teflon and keeps bad bacteria away permanently.

"The same principle is used in probiotic drinks that repopulate the human gut with good bacteria. It's called competitive exclusion."

Mr Derrig added: "In reality we are surrounded by bacteria, most of which are totally harmless or positively beneficial – without them we wouldn't have bread, cheese of even wine and beer – all of which are made by bacteria.

"Problem bacteria can be concealed in minor cracks and blemishes in walls and floors and are very difficult to completely remove with out costly ward shutdowns and deep cleans – and even then they soon return. We have invented a completely new approach to dealing with the pathogens that cause hospital acquired infections.

"It is also simple, cheap, highly effective and long lasting.

"The friendly bacteria are abundant in nature, the strain we use feeds on dirt and produces natural antibiotics which attack and kill the harmful bacteria.

"It really is using nature's technology to clean wards and get rid of pathogens once and for all."

Chemex International has a track record of helping the NHS fight superbugs. In 2008 it launched a product called Antibak which provided a spray-on wipe-off solution to the most powerful superbugs including Clostridium difficile spores, Novovirus and MRSA.

From its base in the Black Country, Chemex is Europe's leading franchised distributor of specialist cleaning and hygiene products.

Established 26 years ago it has more than 70 branches across the UK, Europe, Scandinavia, Canada and North America.

It supplies to clients including ambulance trusts, government departments, blue chip corporations and Michelin-starred restaurants.

£15,000 revamp of centre for homeless

A CENTRE for homeless people in West Bromwich is being given a £15,000 makeover.

Housing organisation Sandwell Homes has joined forces with its Decent Homes construction partners to spruce up the respite centre and soup kitchen in Carters Green.

It will benefit from a new shower room, new toilet, new kitchen, decorations and new flooring.

Christian charity Centrepoint runs the centre every evening with the help of volunteers and provides food and clothing to more than 20 homeless people each day.

Improve

Pastor David Marsh said: "The work that Sandwell Homes and its partners are planning will help us immensely to improve the service we provide to homeless people.

"At last, we will have proper kitchen facilities and visitors will have somewhere to take a shower, which is a luxury when you live on the street. We will also gain more space inside the building to increase the number of people we can help.

"I really can't thank those involved in delivering the project enough and we look forward to opening our doors when the work is finished."

Sandwell Homes is working with partners Thomas Vale, VINCI Facilities, Lovell Partnerships and Wates Living Space to deliver the Decent Homes programme.

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Chicken firm set for slice of £7m

A WEST Bromwich frozen chicken company is elebrating after winning a share of £7 million funding to carry out research into healthier food.

The 2 Sisters Food Group has won the investment from the Government.

It is now part of a scheme which involves more than 20 other companies.

They will research into processing methods which retain the natural nutrition from raw fruit and vegetables in processed food.

The work will also involve cutting down the amounts of fat and salt in food, and finding more foods which improve the health of the heart.

Leader

Firm spokesman Andrew Hanson said the cash had not been broken down beyond £7 million as it was being shared with other firms.

2 Sisters, which started life in 1993 as a small-scale frozen food business, is now a market leader in poultry, chilled, bakery and frozen foods.

It is owned by Wolverhampton-born tycoon Ranjit Boparan.

He also owns Harry Ramsden's fish and chip chain, and Northern Foods including Goodfella's Pizza and Fox's biscuits, which he bought in a £342 million deal earlier this year.

The company has 32 manufacturing sites in the UK, six in Holland and one in Poland. It employs around 16,000 people.

Mehboob Mirza, centre, with, from left: patient nominators Patricia Roantree and John Cope, SWBH chair Sue Davis, BBC Gardener's World presenter Alys Fowler, patient Linda Frazier, SWBH chief executive John Adler and patient Natalie Roantree

Surgeon receives award after praise from patients

AN OUTSTANDING surgeon was among those honoured at a staff awards ceremony.

Sandwell and City Hospital consultant breast surgeon Mr Mehboob Mirza was handed the Excellence in Customer Care award, an accolade which is voted for by patients, visitors, carers and members of the public.

Mr Mirza was nominated by breast cancer patients Linda Frazier, from Rowley Regis, and Natalie Roantree, from West Bromwich, who praised him for his empathy, compassion and skill and credit him with saving their lives.

After suffering from colitis for many years, Mrs Frazier, was already facing the prospect of a liver transplant when she found out she was also suffering from breast cancer.

She was told she had just a week to live when she had a liver transplant in March at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital but she is now doing well and is back in her job.

Natalie Roantree, aged 36, who is also making a good recovery from breast cancer, said she was delighted Mr Mirza had won the award.

The awards ceremony was held at Birmingham's Botanical Gardens and BBC Gardener's World presenter Alys Fowler presented the awards.

Chief executive John Adler said: "We know we have much more to do to ensure we are providing consistently high quality services and giving all our patients the care and compassion they need."

Details on store plan awaited

ASDA is yet to provide details about a planned store on the site of a demolished Oldbury pub.

The supermarket gained permission to build the store on the site of the former Kings Highway in August.

It will create 30 jobs at the site in Hagley Road West.

But Asda has yet to reveal key details such as what exactly it will include and when it will be completed.

The pub was empty for about a year before being demolished and was going to be a Netto.

But this did not happen after Asda paid £778 million for the Netto grocery chain, in a bid to close the gap with market leader Tesco.

Netto's plans attracted controversy before gaining planning permission.

A petition of 1,282 signatures and 21 letters of objection were submitted in opposition.

Pub gets ready to pull in new workers

APPLICATIONS are being taken for 40 vacancies at a new JD Wetherspoon pub in Oldbury.

The town's former library is currently undergoing a £1 million transformation into the pub.

The company has announced that people can apply for the jobs, which will include management and bar staff positions. JD Wetherspoon's spokesman Eddie Gershon said they are expecting a high number of applicants so is urging potential applicants to apply immediately.

Job interviews are expected to be held at the end of the year.

Successful applicants will then undergo training before the pub, in Church Street, is opened on January 17. Last month, company announced it had decided to name the Grade II listed building The Court of Requests due to its former legal connections.

The building was initially a courthouse and police station, and the court room on the first floor still retains its original features.

A Court of Requests for the recovery of debts was established at there in 1807. It became the town's library in 1979.

Andy Ince, from architects Harrison Ince, which is designing the revamp, said he was using the history of the building in much of the design work.

The ground floor will be converted into a bar and kitchen. Outside, a beer garden will be created, and changes will be made to the parking area.

Job applications can be made at the www.jdwetherspoon. co. uk website.

Speeding driver spared jail

A MAN who led police on a high-speed chase through West Bromwich town centre has been spared jail after a judge ruled his behaviour was out of character.

Michael Lam, aged 26, was driving so fast police were unable to keep up as they decided it was too dangerous to keep going, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

But Judge Michael Dudley said he had taken on board his glowing character references and decided not to impose a custodial sentence due to the "unusual circumstances of the case". Lam, of Essex Street, Birmingham, sped his Audi along Carters Green and West Bromwich High Street, careering around a roundabout and almost hitting a police car, the court heard last week. He admitted dangerous driving.

Mr Robert Holt, defending, said character references described him as an "intelligent young man" and a "model employee".

Judge Dudley gave Lam a six-month prison term suspended for a year, a two-year ban and 200 hours of work.

Aid for prickly problem

Katie Mitchell, from Pets at Home, Charlie Walker and Jayne Lawrence, from the Willows, and Lynn Maybin, assistant manager with baby hedgehogs

KIND staff and customers at a Sandwell pet store raised £500 for a hedgehog rescue centre.

Jayne Lawrence, from Willows Hedgehog Rescue, headed to Pets at Home, Oldbury, to collect the cash, which will be used to buy a new incubator and other equipment.

She also took one of the centre's prickly friends with her to the store, in Oldbury Ringway.

The money was raised through Support Adoption for Pets, the charity established and supported by Pets at Home.

Support Adoption for Pets has raised more than £1 million in the last 12 months thanks to the fundraising efforts of its workers and customers.

The danger of blankets

AROUND 15 per cent of electric blankets tested in Sandwell were found to be faulty and dangerous, a survey has revealed.

Figures show 97 per cent of these house fires are caused by electric blankets which are more than 10 years old. Over a five-day period, Sandwell Trading Standards invited residents to have their electric blanket tested for free and a among the 234 tested, 36, or 15 per cent, were found to be dangerous.

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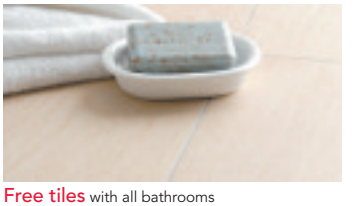

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Kelly sings her way to talent award

A TALENTED singer has been voted the most entertaining performer at a Black Country theatre group.

Kelly Davis, of Halesowen-based Startime Variety theatre group, has impressed audiences so much of late, she was voted the most entertaining performer.

People who went to see the group's latest offering Startime Goes Pop were asked to vote for their favourite act.

And 31-year-old Miss Davis, of Oldbury, Pinfold Street, scooped the Tony Vincent award after impressing with her renditions of Queen's Killer Queen and Plan B's She Said, including the rap.

The insurance broker said: "I was just really chuffed and had no idea I was going to win it."

The award was set up in memory of Startime Variety founder member Tony Vincent who died in August 2000 at the age of 59.

Kelly Davis, 31, has been awarded the Tony Vincent Award

Burglar who hid in a tree is jailed

A BURGLAR from Tipton fled into woodland and hid up a tree in an attempt to escape police chasing him, a court heard.

Tamas Orsos was spotted by the police helicopter but it was several hours before firemen could persuade him to come down, Jackie Rogers, prosecuting. said

Orsos, aged 22, of Park Lane East, said he was visiting friends in Evesham to look for work but had drunk too much.

He pleaded guilty at Worcester Crown Court to two burglaries, an attempted burglary and theft from a van. He was jailed for 18 months.

Desperate

Mr Mark Sheward, defending, said Orsos was a Hungarian who had been in this country for ten months.

He had been working in a factory but had lost his job and also a painting and decorating contract.

Orsos had a wife and two-year-old child and another baby was expected in December.

He was desperate for cash to pay the rent and buy food.

From one of the homes he raided in the early hours of September 20 he took £45 cash and a cheque.

He entered a second house and took a handbag and bank cards had been taken.

Orsos failed to get into a third house through the conservatory but he stole keys and empty cash boxes from a van parked nearby.

Why I'm lovin' it, says Louise

A TOTAL of 21 apprenticeships have been created at a West Bromwich fast food restaurant which is undergoing a £200,000 revamp.

Franchisee Paul Ramsey is investing the cash in a refurbishment of the McDonald's branch on West Bromwich High Street.

And Mr Ramsey has congratulated the first 21 employees in the town to have gained an apprenticeship as part of a company scheme launched in 2009.

The apprenticeship is equivalent to five GCSEs. Louise Henderson, aged 20, is a newly-qualified apprentice having started as a crew member with the company two years ago.

She said: "I didn't hesitate in putting myself forward for it as it gave me the chance to further my learning while earning a full-time wage – something I never thought I'd get the opportunity to do.

"The scheme has enabled me to brush up on my maths and English and develop my knowledge of the McDonald's business, as well as add another qualification to my CV."

Important

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Far East cycle feat ahead for fundraiser Colin

A WEST Bromwich man will be cycling 400 miles from Vietnam to Cambodia in aid of Acorns Children's Hospice.

Colin Hunter is raising money for the hospice that cared for his daughter Sam before she lost her battle with disability complications aged 19 in 2006.

The 50-year-old, who works for Sandwell Council's bereavement services, will be taking part in the Global Challenge Charity Cycle which was due to start this Thursday in South East Asia.

To step up his training he has been cycling along the canal between Birmingham and West Bromwich.

He said: "I have my circuit worked out – Broad Street and back to West Bromwich along the canal takes me two hours," said Colin.

Colin Hunter

Spirit

"I also completed the Severn Valley Cycle challenge for Acorns 20 mile round trip Bridgnorth to Bewdley in August which was a challenge but great fun.

"The team spirit was great. When the pain sets in you just laugh and that spurs everyone on."

Mr Hunter lives in the lodge at Heath Lane Cemetery in West Bromwich – just yards from where his daughter is buried. Sam was born with physical difficulties, including cerebral palsy.

He will be funding the challenge out of his own pocket meaning every penny raised will go to the charity. The ride will take him 13 days to complete along with 28 other people.

He will also spend three days working voluntarily in an orphanage teaching English and sport.

Mr Hunter has worked for Sandwell Council for more than 30 years, first as a tree surgeon in the 1970s and later as a tree officer for Sandwell Homes.

He is already planning a fundraising challenge for next year – horse riding across Mongolia, again for Acorns Hospice.

The council's bereavement services manager Brendan Day said: "I want to wish Colin all the luck in the world on his trip and I'd urge everyone who can to sponsor him.

"His commitment to fundraising and supporting worthy causes is inspirational."

To sponsor Colin, email colin_hunter@sandwell.gov.uk or go to www.acorns.org.uk/donate

Ikea store recruits more workers after expansion

IKEA in Wednesbury is recruiting 10 more workers. This is in addition to the 23 staff members that have already been taken on as a result of an expansion, which has seen the size of the furniture store increase by 26,877 sq ft.

Store manager Marsha Smith said the 10 posts would be a mixture of part and full-time positions. She said the recruitment process would begin in January after the extension has finished.

"We are constantly re-evaluating our staffing needs and want to support local people by providing jobs for the area," she said. "We will be looking for people across the board from managers, to team leaders, to workers in the restaurant. We are always looking at where we need to strengthen."

She added: "These are really exciting times and Ikea is a really great place to work.

"There are a lot of benefits, such as presents for staff at Christmas, and there is a great team ethic.

"Everyone wants the store to do well."

Its £6.8 million upgrade has included an improved entrance, revamped play areas for children, and an improved restaurant. Work is due to finish in December.

Mrs Smith said they were in the process of trying to find a celebrity who could officially launch the extension once it had been completed.

Sort

"We have talked about a celebrity opening and will meet next month to discuss possible options," she said.

"Whoever it is, we would like that person to have some sort of connection to home furnishing."

More than 100 people are working on the expansion of the store at Gallagher Retail Park, just off Junction 9 of the M6.

Walsall Council has granted the store permission to install 2,700 solar panels on its roof to help provide five per cent of its power.

Cash machine for post office

A CASH machine could be installed in a West Bromwich post office if it is approved by council planners.

The application has been made by Christine Oddy, of Kings Security Services, to install the machine in the Bromford Lane Post Office, Barton Street.

Mrs Oddy said in a report to Sandwell Council the initial purpose of the proposal is to provide banking facilities to the community.

The cash machine will be installed within the existing external façade.

She said that, if needed, security bollards could be provided and a privacy zone painted on the floor. There could also be dedicated CCTV cove rage and external lighting.

The report said: "The ATM will have the principal benefit to the community of providing cash on demand, which will also encouraging people to visit local shops and spend money in other shops.

"This will therefore maintain and enhance the vitality and viability of the area."

Sponsors plea on tree

THE Tree of Light appeal is inviting people to pay £5 to sponsor a light on the Christmas tree in Owen Street, Tipton. Last year the initiative raised £5,000, which was shared between ten different charities. Anyone who would like to sponsor a light should call 07885 806100 or 01902 684938.

Early start to festive spirit

Linda Saunders promotes the Christmas parties with Father Christmas,Joe Davis

CHRISTMAS may still be more than eight weeks away but staff at a West Bromwich arts centre are already in the festive spirit.

The Public, on New Street, is hoping to welcome West Bromwich residents and businesses for a series of Christmas parties throughout November and December.

Large corporate events and small lunchtime gatherings are among the packages being offered by the centre, while visitors can create their own personalized wrapping paper in the popular Human Photocopier.

Linda Saunders, managing director of The Public, said: "Last year our Christmas party packages proved to be a huge success attracting friends, families and businesses from across the region.

"We're really looking forward to welcoming everyone to The Public over the festive period, in what promises to be a fun-filled celebratory month."

Call 0121 533 7161, email christmas@thepublic.com or visit www.thepublic.com for more information and to book.

The deadline for bookings is this Friday, November 4.

Plan put in for home to expand

A NURSING home in Wednesbury is set to be extended under plans submitted to Sandwell Council.

Bosses at Bartholomew Lodge, Trouse Lane, want to create an extra three bedrooms, en suites to four bedrooms and make internal alterations to reduce the number of double rooms and provide en suite facilities.

The former pub was converted into a nursing home in the 1980s.

It is registered for 30 residents with three double rooms and 24 single rooms.

The improvements will not increase resident numbers, a report to Sandwell's planning department said.

It added: "The scheme will provide the home and its residents with modern and more spacious accommodation in the individual rooms."

Planners will make a decision at a later date.

Bungalows under way

BUNGALOWS and flats are taking shape as part of a £1.6 million scheme to move people with learning disabilities into their own supported homes in West Bromwich.

Construction is under way at Old Meeting Street and the site of the former Hateley Heath Working Men's Club, Sussex Avenue, is being transformed into eight homes, with work to be completed by December.

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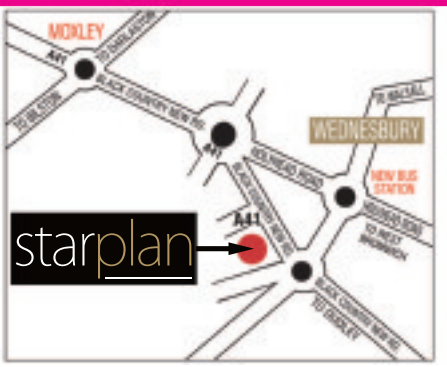

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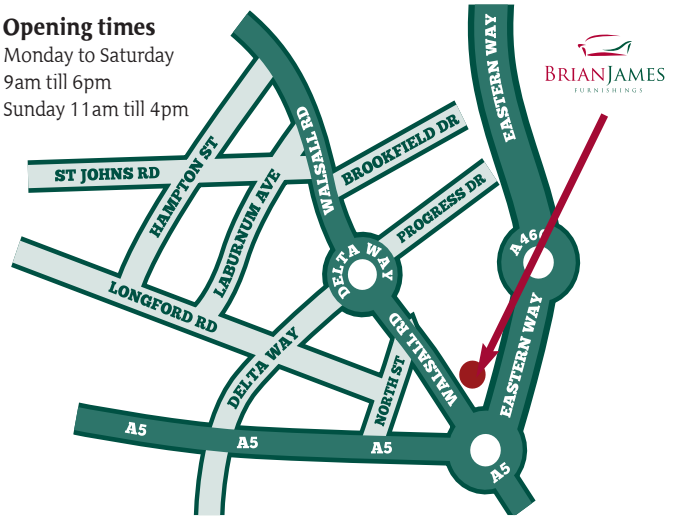

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Designer Nadine Stanley promotes her jewellery making classes at Tipton Library

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The four-week course at Tipton Library in Unity Walk will show people how to make bracelets, brooches and necklaces from scratch. Nadine Stanley, from Netherton, will be running the courses, which have the added bonus of learning a new skill.

The sessions, which are geared towards adults, will take place from 10am to noon on Saturdays – the first one being held on November 12.

Riot bill revised to £10m

THE cost of policing the riots in West Bromwich, Birmingham and Wolverhampton is closer to £10 million than the £12m first feared.

The unprecedented scenes of disorder in August – which saw more than 600 arrests made – sparked the biggest single investigation by West Midlands Police since the IRA bombings of Birmingham in 1974.

The original policing costs, estimated last month, were thought to be around £12m. But police chiefs now think the final amount will be lower.

Overtime

Chief Constable Chris Sims told West Midlands Police Authority that he believed the final figure was towards "the bottom end" of those first calculations "nearer £10m."

The figure includes the costs of overtime for officers who tried to contain looters, as well as round-the-clock investigations in the weeks that followed.

Mr Sims added that 644 arrests had so far been made.

Up to scratch?

THE Public in West Bromwich hosts a 'Scratch Night' on Wednesday when five short theatrical works are staged for one night only. The show begins at 7.30pm and tickets cost £5 (£4 concessions). None of the work is finished, each untested piece lasts between 10 and 20 minutes. The night will be presented by guest curators NewMacho, sandwiched with surprises and some live music to create a party atmosphere. Call (0121) 533 7161.

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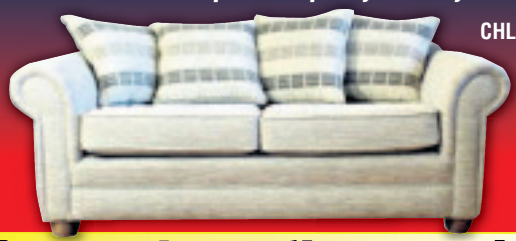

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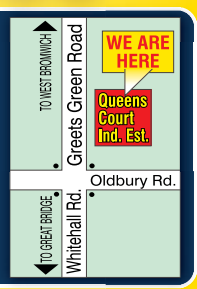

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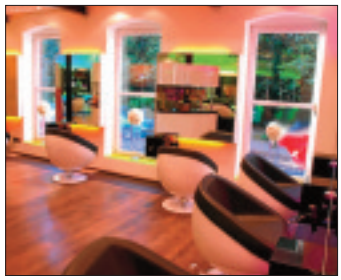

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"I had terrible jaw pain and suffered pins and needles in the side of head and tongue. It's a terrible condition. I'd had an MRI scan and seen a specialist but was still without relief," she says.

Clinical dental technician Mr Burchell had made dentures for Betty seven years ago and she returned to his clinic to inquire about a new prescription because the lower denture had lost its stability.

"I had put up with the floating effect of my lower denture and needed to address the problem. My lower gum has receded so much my denture was pressing down on a nerve and causing me pain," she adds.

"Steven explained the benefits of implant-retained dentures and told me it would allow my bite to be opened some more. Since having the implants on my lower denture, I have experienced no more pain."

Mr Burchell said all dentures have a shelf life and Betty's denture problem was due to shrinkage of her gums – a naturally occurring aging process.

"We hoped for an improved outcome on her condition, but never dreamed that the final clinical result could be so rewarding with Betty being free from pain," he added.

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Glow on – banish the gloom and freshen a room

These reed diffusers (below) are from Lake District candle company Colony, which has teamed up with the Royal Horticultural Society to create natural smelling oils which the reeds wick up to bring a country garden bouquet to the air. Available in sweet pea or lavender, £12.99. The sparkling rose candle (right) is a blooming lovely glitter-dusted centre piece, almost too nice to burn but the flickering flame should last for 15 hours. £6.99 and it comes in a gift box.

Lakeland's new luxury candle collection includes, below from left, the exclusive light and summery Lavender Breeze, the romantic Rose &Jasmine and subtle spice of the cosy Winter Warmer. Made in Wiltshire, the mineral wax has been poured into a decorative glass. Burn time is around 28 hours. £9.99 each.

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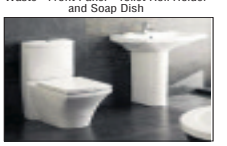

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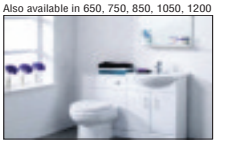

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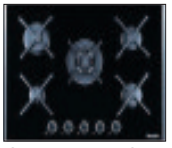

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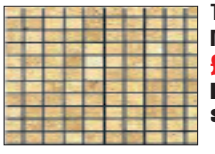

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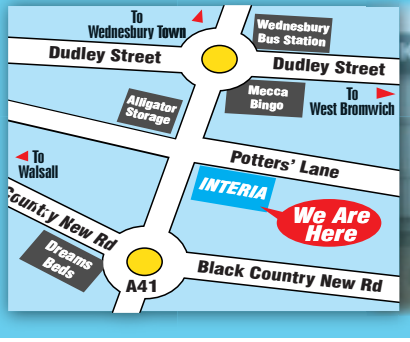

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Authority bosses act to cut down on sick days

WORKERS ringing in sick have begun to call nurses directly as part of a scheme to cut absences at Sandwell Council from an average of 10 days per employee.

Staff in the authority's adult social care department are the first to trial a scheme under which they need to telephone an occupational health advisor, a qualified nurse, instead of their line manager to call in sick.

The move comes after latest figures showed employees took an average of 9.66 days off each in 2010/11. The national average is about eight days.

Council chief executive Jan Britton said: "The pilot sickness referral service has started in adult social care.

"This is the new system where instead of ringing a manager to tell them when you're sick, you telephone an occupational health advisor."

As well as recording the absence, the advisor can also give proper and professional advice on how best the employee can return to health, and work, as quickly as possible.

Absence

"This new service is the next big initiative for reducing absence," said Mr Britton.

The average figure of 9.66 days absence per council worker is down on figures for 2009/10.

In that year the authority's staff took an average of 10.58 days off sick, and five years ago employees took an average of 14 days each.

Mr Britton has led the campaign to get absence levels down via his blog for council employees.

Latest figures place national sickness absence for councils at around eight days per employee while in the private sector average absence stands at between six and six-and-a-half days per employee.

Mr Britton has advocated return-to-work interviews as one method to tackle sickness levels at the authority.

Similar nurse-led absence schemes are being trialled at councils across the Black Country.

Residents want action to clean-up an eyesore

MORE than 100 residents are calling for the clean-up of an eyesore patch of land in Wednesbury which has been repeatedly targeted by flytippers. Homeowners living near the land in Bilston Road, which is owned by West Bromwich-based Turford Bros Ltd, are calling for immediate action.

Owners of the site say they hope work on new housing there will begin soon, which will resolve the problem. But ward Councillor Peter Hughes has been gathering signatures for a petition over the issue.

It calls for a Section 215 notice to be served to force the landowner to clean up the area or the council will take on the work and bill the landowner for the clean-up retrospectively. Councillor Hughes said the notice was the last resort.

He added: "I've got more than 100 signatures from people in nearby Short Street and Bilston Road.

"The area's probably even worse than it was 12 months ago, when it was an absolute eyesore.

"The land has been forgotten about.

"It's not the preferred course of action but somebody needs to recognise this is a nuisance and it is dragging down the look of the whole area."

The land has been owned by Oak Lane-based window company Turfords for more than three years and was intended for housing.

Hoped

Owner John Turford said work on the housing had been on hold because of the economic climate, but it was hoped to begin preparations soon.

The 90-year-old great-grandfather said: "Many people are flytipping on this site and we've found a dead dog as well as 200 beer bottles and hundreds of cans in the past.

"It gets overgrown very quickly but it will not be a problem for very long I hope.

"We're waiting on two quotes for the building work to come back and we hope to start very soon and that will nip the problem in the bud."

Councillor Derek Rowley, safer neighbourhoods boss at Sandwell Council, said people should report flytippers.

To report fly-tipping call 0845 359 7501.

Barry Martin, back, chairman of Bilston Road Tenants' Association, Kathleen Holmes, Thelma Moore, Louisa Shilton and, front, Councillor Peter Hughes

Attack on cuts to vital centres

FUNDING cuts of million of pounds in grants to support children's centres, to cut teenage pregnancy and tackle youth offending, have been criticised by West Bromwich West MP Adrian Bailey.

The Government's Early Intervention Grant, which also helps subsidise services to cut drugs misuse, provide school choice advisers and create safer communities was cut by more than £3 million.

Mr Bailey MP said the cuts exposed the "hollow words" of Government promises.

He added: "The Conservative-led Government made a personal promise to protect and build on Sure Start. Now we know that these were just hollow words and yet another broken promise to the families of West Bromwich West.

"Of course all services need to look to be more efficient, but cuts which go too far and too fast could mean poorer services for children and families in West Bromwich West, and maybe even a loss of some Sure Start Centres.

"The reduction, coupled with the possibility that some authorities will use it to plug gaps in other services could mean support for early years children could be lost for years and this country will pay the price in terms of unfulfilled potential, poorer economic growth and halting social mobility for generations."

Group brands bank 'stingy' over £30 fee

A BANK has been branded "stingy" for not paying £30 a year towards Blackheath's CCTV camera security system – which helped foil a scam at its branch.

The surveillance equipment, installed by Blackheath Business and Community Association, exposed two thieves trying to steal money from the bank's cash point machine by using a fake cover in front of it.

Customers were fooled into thinking the machine had run out of money while cash was being collected in the false cover.

Ward Councillor Mary Docker, and also secretary of the association, said the £30 annual membership fee was vital for the upkeep of the town's 15 camera system.

She said it was "a bit rich" Barclays would not contribute to the cost.

She added: "Barclays are not a member business and contribute nothing to the scheme. We took them an application form, but I've heard nothing."

Barclays area director Sara Rolph said: "With regard to the recent incident involving our ATM, I can confirm that we assisted the police with their inquiries with our own CCTV footage.

"At the same time, we are extremely grateful to the Blackheath Business Association who offered further assistance to the police by helping them to identify the registration number."

Team on hand to offer asthma advice

A HEALTH service for people with asthma and other breathing-related problems provided by Sandwell's primary care trust has been chosen to take part in a national NHS improvement programme.

The Community Respiratory Service in Sandwell has been included in a year-long project with the national NHS Innovation Lung Improvement Programme.

It is one of seven projects chosen nationally by the improvement programme. Sandwell has the third highest rate for hospital admissions due to asthma in the UK.

Kelly Redden-Rowley, project lead, and her team of Bal Matharu, Tracy Holmes and Chris Small, are working closely with colleagues to collect information about emergency department attendances, asthma admissions and length of hospital stay.

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But if money's tight and you are eager to download the latest apps like your mates, and keep tabs on them with Twitter and Facebook, and have the opportunity to do some internet browsing, this is a good option.

For smartphone users who expect the full fat Android experience, HTC's new and improved **Wildfire S** is a better option at around £145, free on some contracts.

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The five megapixel camera is still better than most of the budget to medium priced opposition, and with a modern chipset and using Google's mobile OS, it's a lot lighter on battery power than you might expect.

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HTC Wildfire S

Britney Spears, Joe Jonas, LG Arena, Birmingham

AMERICAN pop star Joe Jonas didn't miss his brothers, having put down his guitar and brushed up his dance moves for a hunky new image and smooth R'n'B sound unveiled at the LG.

The Jonas Brothers may only be on the back burner but Joe seems to have comfortably taken a Justin Timberlake template for his solo career.

He showcased his debut album Fastlife and got the Britney fans on their feet with a killer cover of Chris Brown dance anthem Beautiful People before ending his six-song set with mid-tempo power ballad See No More. He left the crowd wanting more.

Britney Spears' prime place in the pop firmament may have been taken by new stars Lady Gaga and Rihanna, but the Femme Fatale certainly put on a spectacular show. A 90-minute aerobic workout in a succession of skimpy bikini-like outfits, she danced practically non-stop.

Sometimes the 29-year-old American's moves looked puppet-like compared with her troupe of acrobatic dancers. The lack of a single wheeze or pant suggested lip-syncing during the most energetic numbers. However, it is hard to tell with Britney's brilliant brand of high-concept artificial dance-pop in which vocal effects, gimmicks and grooves are equally important (maybe more important) than melody.

Highlights included the Egyptian glamour of Gimme More, biker chick Britney rejigging Baby One More Time with heavy guitar, following it with Rihanna's S&M and the kinkier I'm A Slave 4 U. There was a Japanese-themed Toxic complete with ninjas, high energy performances of Piece of Me, Drop Dead Beautiful, I Wanna Go, Womanizer and the angel-winged Britney's grand finale Till The World Ends.

Maybe Ashley, picked out of the crowd for a personal pole dance, liked the bump and grind, but it would have been a more substantial show if Britney had delivered more like ballad Don't Let Me Be The Last To Know when she showed she can sing.

Leon Burakowski

Laura Marling Birmingham Cathedral

THERE is something ethereal almost spiritual about petite folk singer Laura Marling, so it's appropriate her "Ring the Bells Tour" was played in cathedrals up and down the country, ending in Birmingham.

However, Birmingham Cathedral is arguably the worst place to hold such a concert, certainly for the third of her fans who were consigned to the balconies which had the most uncomfortable pews and restricted views.

In fact, if you were not in the front row of the balconies and you sat down, you couldn't see the performance at all.

Also they have had the whole tour to deal with the problems of setting up sound in buildings which were not designed to stage such events. However, the sound crew in Birmingham seem to have overlooked the fact people up in the balconies needed to hear the singer.

Power

The first two songs were almost inaudible due to poor sound engineering which was annoying considering the audience had to wait around 40 minutes between the support act and Marling appearing on stage, while the crew tested and tweaked the sound system.

This detracted from the performance of Marling who is a fantastic musician and singer and is a cross between the high-noted clarity of Joni Mitchell and the power and emotion of Eva Cassidy.

She was on stage for just over an hour and performed such haunting songs as Goodbye England, Night Terror, New Song and Night after Night.

Rather arrogantly, she made it clear at the penultimate song, Rambling Man, there was only going to be All My Rage, as her encore.

Marling is an amazing talent but it would be no surprise if some of the people who had paid more than £20 per ticket, none of which mentioned the restricted or – in some cases – completely blocked view, felt a little let down.

Danny Farragher

Sixties Gold, Wolverhampton Civic

MANCHESTER City beat Wolves in the Carling Cup on Wednesday night and on Thursday night it was Liverpool's turn to conquer the city.

Liverpool, that is, in the shape of Gerry and the Pacemakers and the Searchers.

Gerry Marsden made his entrance and went against the essence of his most famous song – he walked on alone to huge applause.

His voice still has the same jaunty enthusiasm as he ran through the number one hits I Like It and How Do You Do It? were followed by I'm The One and Ferry Cross The Mersey.

You'll Never Walk Alone saw virtually everyone raise their arms and sway. There were even a few Liverpool scarves held aloft as the Civic turned into the Kop.

The show had started with the Fortunes who soon had the audience singing along to You've Got Your Troubles and Here It Comes Again.

The highlight was when Bob Jackson, formerly of Badfinger, sang the Nilsson hit Without You in tribute to his old bandmates Pete Ham and Tom Evans who co-wrote it and both later committed suicide.

Surprise

The Searchers followed and opened with Sweets For My Sweet before playing a series of hits including Love Potion No 9 and Needles and Pins. Original band member John McNally is now 70.

The surprise of the night, though was Chip Hawkes, who spent 29 years with the Tremeloes. Chesney's dad was a revelation.

His voice is still excellent and his enthusiasm shone through as he sang favourites such as Here Comes My Baby and Silence Is Golden.

Sue Attwater

Sensational Sixties Show Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

ACHES and pains forgotten, us silver haired teenagers rocked the night away at the Sensational Sixties show at the packed Grand Theatre.

The years just seemed to disappear as we lapped up the atmosphere clapping and singing to some of our favourite songs of our youth.

There were plenty of bald heads,white hair and extended waist lines, but there was no shortage of energy or lack of excellent vocals from these revered groups who will be forever immortalised by their music.

The journey started with Spirit In The Sky and a medley of songs from The Dreamers to get us in the mood.

Union Gap's Lady Willpower, Woman Woman and Young Girl went down a storm. Herman's Hermits I'm Into Something Good, Silhouettes, Sunshine Girl and Kind Of Hush received loud cheers from the crowd.

Bringing the entire audience to their feet was The Tremeloe's Do You Love Me, Silence Is Golden, Someone Loves Me and Twist And Shout.

Looking happy and still singing, the crowd left the theatre no doubt full of memories.

Les Jowett

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Saturday TV

Choice

QI XL

BBC2, 9.30pm

Considering she does such a good job as guest host on Have I Got News For You, it's remarkable that Jo Brand isn't keen to land a panel game of her own. "I am kind of an ambitionless person in the sense that things come up and I go 'Yeah, all right. I'll do that'" she explains. The star of Dave's Big Splash never needs much of an excuse to appear on this series, Stephen Fry and Jo are joined by Andy Hamilton, Dr Ben Goldacre and regular Alan Davies. Fry asks questions on the topic of illness, and awards points for the most interesting answers. Jo is currently hoping her scripts for a new run of Getting On will prove as popular as the previous offerings.

BBC1

[illegible] Breakfast. [illegible] Saturday Kitchen Live. [illegible] Nigel Slater's Simple Cooking. (R) [illegible] BBC News; Regional News; Weather. [illegible] Football Focus. [illegible] Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) [illegible] Bargain Hunt Famous Finds. (R) [illegible] A Question of Sport. (R) [illegible] Live Rugby League: England v Australia (Kick-off 3.30pm). [illegible] BBC News; Regional News; Weather. [illegible] The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson. (R)

[illegible] **Strictly Come Dancing.** Dirty Dancing actress Jennifer Grey sits in for Len Goodman.
[illegible] **Merlin.** Morgana turns Merlin into an assassin. Colin Morgan, Bradley James and Katie McGrath star.
[illegible] **Casualty.** Dixie's feud with ambulance controller Louise has fatal consequences, and Dylan goes beyond the call of duty to help a frightened youngster.
[illegible] **The National Lottery Awards 2011.** Ceremony celebrating the work of 21 National Lottery-funded projects.
[illegible] **BBC News; Weather.**
[illegible] **Match of the Day.** Including highlights of Blackburn Rovers v Chelsea. National Lottery Update.
[illegible] **The Football League Show.** Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

[illegible] Weatherview. [illegible] BBC News.

BBC2

[illegible] CBeebies. [illegible] CBBC. [illegible] Film: Shall We Dance? (1937) Musical, starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. [illegible] Film: Kiss Me Kate. (1953) Musical comedy starring Howard Keel and Kathryn Grayson. [illegible] Great British Food Revival. (R) [illegible] Final Score. [illegible] Escape to the Country. (R)

[illegible] **The Culture Show.** Artistic projects for the Cultural Olympiad.
[illegible] **Flog It!** Paul Martin meets people in Great Yarmouth eager to make a profit selling their valuables, and visits Nelson's childhood home. (R)
[illegible] **Dad's Army.** Classic comedy starring Arthur Lowe and Ian Lavender. (R)
[illegible] **The Last Cockleshell Heroes?** Paddy Ashdown tells the story of the "Cockleshell Heroes," the Royal Marine commandos who in 1942 launched an attack on enemy shipping in Bordeaux harbour. (R)
[illegible] **QI XL.** With Jo Brand, Ben Goldacre and Andy Hamilton. (R)
[illegible] **The Making of Life's Too Short.** Behind the scenes of the new comedy.
[illegible] **FILM: V for Vendetta.** (2005) Futuristic action thriller, with Natalie Portman.

[illegible] Later with Jools Holland. (R) [illegible] The Culture Show. (R) [illegible] Close.

ITV1

[illegible] CITV: Mini CITV. [illegible] CITV. [illegible] Coronation Street. [illegible] This Morning Saturday. [illegible] ITV News; Weather. [illegible] Animals Do the Funniest Things. (R) [illegible] Film: Free Willy. (1993) Family drama, starring Jason James Richter. [illegible] Film: Mr Bean's Holiday. (2007) Comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. [illegible] Regional Programmes. [illegible] ITV News; Weather.

[illegible] **The Chase.** With Nick Hancock, Jenny Eclair, Michelle Collins and Rufus Hound.
[illegible] **You've Been Framed!** Featuring golfing mishaps.
[illegible] **Harry Hill's TV Burp.** Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights.
[illegible] **The X Factor.** Dermot O'Leary hosts the fifth live studio round as the remaining acts battle to get one step closer to that life-changing recording contract.
[illegible] **Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Rolf Harris.** The entertainer, TV presenter and artist discusses a career that has included performing at the Glastonbury Festival six times and achieving a number one hit with Two Little Boys.
[illegible] **ITV News; Weather.**
[illegible] **FILM: Training Day.** (2001) Thriller, starring Denzel Washington.

[illegible] The Zone; ITV News Headlines. [illegible] Kojak. (R) [illegible] ITV Nightscreen. [illegible] ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

[illegible] Safi Mali. (R) [illegible] The Hoobs. (R) [illegible] The Film Show. (R) [illegible] Formula Ford Festival 2011. [illegible] Formula Ford Championship. [illegible] Channel 4 Presents – Jonnie Peacock "Hit the Ground Running". (R) [illegible] The Morning Line. [illegible] T4: Smallville. (R) [illegible] T4: Made in Chelsea. [illegible] T4: 4Music Video Honours: Best Video Nominees. [illegible] T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) [illegible] T4: Inside SBTV: From Bedroom to Boardroom. [illegible] T4: Tower Heist: T4 Movie Special. [illegible] T4: The Simpsons. (R) [illegible] Road to London 2012: The Paralympic Show. [illegible] Channel 4 Racing. [illegible] Come Dine with Me. (R) [illegible] Come Dine with Me. (R) [illegible] Come Dine with Me. (R) [illegible] Come Dine with Me. (R)

[illegible] **Come Dine with Me.** (R)
[illegible] **World War II: The Last Heroes.**
[illegible] **Channel 4 News.**
[illegible] **[illegible]**
[illegible] **Jamie's Great Britain.** (R)
[illegible] **FILM: Max Payne.** (2008) Premiere. Action thriller, starring Mark Wahlberg.
[illegible] **8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut.** With Russell Kane, Mark Watson and Louise Redknapp.
[illegible] **Rude Tube.** A countdown of 50 internet video mash-ups. (R)

[illegible] Music on 4 Favourites: Snow Patrol. [illegible] Film: I Killed My Mother. (2009) Premiere. Drama, directed by and starring Xavier Dolan. [illegible] Film: Hum Dono. (1962) [illegible] The Treacle People. (R)

Channel 5

[illegible] Milkshake! [illegible] The Gadget Show. (R) [illegible] Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) [illegible] Film: Hard Times. (1975) Boxing drama, starring Charles Bronson and James Coburn. [illegible] Film: Bullet to Beijing. (1995) Spy thriller sequel, starring Michael Caine. [illegible] Film: Hellfighters. (1968) Adventure, starring John Wayne.

[illegible] **FILM: Men in Black.** (1997) A cop joins a secret force policing aliens on Earth, and teams up with a veteran partner to track down a giant insect. Sci-fi comedy, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.
[illegible] **5 News Weekend.**
[illegible] **NCIS.** A hunter finds the mummified body of a Navy lieutenant who had been reported missing 10 years previously – on the same day that $1 million disappeared from his ship's safe. (R)
[illegible] **Big Brother.** Highlights of the latest goings-on, including the latest eviction from the housemates' point of view.
[illegible] **FILM: Murder by Numbers.** (2002) Crime thriller, starring Sandra Bullock.

[illegible] SuperCasino. [illegible] The Great South Run. [illegible] Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) [illegible] Hana's Helpline. (R) [illegible] The Milkshake! Show. (R) [illegible] Thomas & Friends. (R) [illegible] Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.15 All Star Family Fortunes 4.00 The Only Way Is Essex 5.30 Film: You've Got Mail (1998) Romantic comedy starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. 8.00 The Truth About Binge Drinking 9.25 Matthew Morrison: The Hot Desk. Interview with the Glee star. 9.30 The Xtra Factor. Behind the scenes of The X Factor. 10.30 Celebrity Juice: Pop Special 11.25 Peter Andre: My Life

ITV4
3.00 Film: The Upturned Glass (1947) 4.50 Film: For Whom the Bell Tolls (1943) 8.00 Minder 9.00 Film: Jaws (1975) 11.25 Roland Rat's Bacon, Beer and Pizza Club

BBC THREE
7.00 Stonehenge: The Butterfly and the Tornado 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Russell Howard's Good News Extra. Extended edition of the comedian's topical news show. 9.45 Film: Bruce Almighty (2003) Comedy starring Jim Carrey and Morgan Freeman. 11.30 Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Life 8.00 The Drift Of Ice and Men 9.00 Wallander: Firewall. Conclusion. 10.25 The Slap 11.20 Top of the Pops: 1976 11.50 Seven Ages of Rock

E4
4.35 Hollyoaks 4.00 Made in Chelsea 5.00 Scrubs 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 Happy Endings 7.30 How I Met Your Mother 8.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Rude Tube. Video clips of people's disasters. 10.00 Film: Under Siege 2: Dark Territory (1995)

FILM4
3.10 Murder, She Said (1961) 4.50 Baby's Day Out (1994) 6.40 Take the Lead (2006) 8.55 The Film4 Interview Special 9.00 Australia (2008) Epic romantic drama, starring Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman.

Sunday TV

Choice

STRICTLY COME DANCING

BBC1, 7.25pm

After all the controversy surrounding the decision to replace Arlene Phillips with Alesha Dixon, you might have thought that the Strictly bosses would be reluctant to tamper with the panel again. So, it probably came as a surprise when Saturday's edition of the ballroom contest found Dirty Dancing actress Jennifer Grey filling in for Len Goodman. But before you start writing strongly worded letters to Points of View, this arrangement is for one week only. Here, we learn whether the public have paid any attention to her marks as we discover which celebrity will be leaving the show.

BBC1

[illegible] Breakfast [illegible] Match of the Day (R) [illegible] The Andrew Marr Show [illegible] Sunday Morning Live [illegible] Country Tracks; Weather for the Week Ahead [illegible] The Politics Show [illegible] EastEnders [illegible] Bargain Hunt (R) [illegible] Escape to the Country (R) [illegible] Frozen Planet (R) [illegible] Points of View [illegible] Songs of Praise.

[illegible] **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**

[illegible] **Countryfile.** British rural areas that have been affected by war. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

[illegible] **Strictly Come Dancing.** The result is announced.

[illegible] **Antiques Roadshow.** From Aberystwyth Arts Centre.

[illegible] **Michael Bublé: Hello Wembley!** A 2009 performance at Wembley Arena. (R)

[illegible] **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**

[illegible] **Have I Got a Bit More News for You.** Extended edition of the quiz, with Greg Davies and Grace Dent.

[illegible] **Ask Rhod Gilbert.** With Germaine Greer, Larry Lamb and Andi Osho. (R)

[illegible] **The Sky at Night.** Patrick Moore discusses Mars.

[illegible] Weatherview [illegible] Sign Zone: Film 2011 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) [illegible] The Queen's Palaces. (R) [illegible] Holby City. (R) [illegible] A Farmer's Life for Me. (R) [illegible] BBC News.

BBC2

[illegible] CBeebies. [illegible] CBBC. [illegible] Something for the Weekend. [illegible] Great British Food Revival. (R) [illegible] Live MotoGP: The Valencia Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). [illegible] Film: The Treasure of Pancho Villa. (1955) Western, starring Rory Calhoun. [illegible] Film: The Cockleshell Heroes. (1955) Fact-based Second World War drama, with Jose Ferrer. [illegible] Timewatch. (R)

[illegible] **Tintin's Adventures with Frank Gardner.** BBC correspondent Frank Gardner goes in search of the origins of Hergé's intrepid reporter, the cartoon character that inspired him to travel and report from the world's hot spots. (R)

[illegible] **Top Gear.** Test-driving cars in Romania. (R)

[illegible] **Coast.** A circular tour of the Irish Sea. (R)

[illegible] **Will It Snow?** Predicting this winter's weather.

[illegible] **Match of the Day 2.** Including highlights of Fulham v Tottenham Hotspur. With analysis by Lee Dixon.

[illegible] **Fast and Loose.** Improvised comedy hosted by Hugh Dennis. (R)

[illegible] **Never Mind the Buzzcocks.** With Will Young, Sinitta, Mark Watson, Paul Foot and Tinchy T. (R)

[illegible] Film: Bring Me the Head of Mavis Davis. (1997) Comedy, starring Rik Mayall and Jane Horrocks. [illegible] BBC News. [illegible] Close.

ITV1

[illegible] CITV: Mini CITV. [illegible] CITV. [illegible] Horrid Henry. (R) [illegible] Horrid Henry. (R) [illegible] Finger Tips. (R) [illegible] Planet Sketch. (R) [illegible] Film: The Adventures of Pinocchio. (1996) Family adventure, with Martin Landau. [illegible] ITV News; Weather. [illegible] Film: Innerspace. (1987) Sci-fi comedy, starring Dennis Quaid. [illegible] The X Factor. (R) [illegible] Downton Abbey. (R) [illegible] Susan Boyle: An Unlikely Superstar. (R)

[illegible] **Regional Programmes.**

[illegible] **ITV News; Weather.**

[illegible] **Harry Hill's TV Burp.** Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights. (R)

[illegible] **The Cube.** A man from Derby and a paramedic take up the challenge.

[illegible] **The X Factor.** The results, with performances by Florence and the Machine and JLS.

[illegible] **Downton Abbey.** The wedding approaches and excitement is in the air, but Branson's plans could rattle everyone. Spanish flu reaches the house and Ethel faces a dilemma. Last in the series.

[illegible] **That Sunday Night Show.** With Ross Kemp. Last in the series.

[illegible] **ITV News; Weather.**

[illegible] **Mugged.** Victims of muggings tell their stories. (R)

[illegible] Premiership Rugby Union. [illegible] The Zone; ITV News Headlines. [illegible] Motorsport UK. [illegible] ITV Nightscreen. [illegible] ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

[illegible] The Hoobs. (R) [illegible] The Hoobs. (R) [illegible] Channel 4 Presents – Lee Pearson 'The Dancer' (R) [illegible] Great Scottish Swim. [illegible] T4: One Tree Hill (R) [illegible] T4: Hollyoaks. [illegible] T4: Professor Green Unseen. [illegible] T4: Live and Lost: Rizzle Kicks. [illegible] T4: The Big Bang Theory (R) [illegible] T4: The Simpsons (R) [illegible] T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. [illegible] T4: The Simpsons. (R) [illegible] Kirstie's Handmade Britain. (R) [illegible] Grand Designs. (R) [illegible] Deal or No Deal. [illegible] Film: 17 Again. (2009) Premiere. Comedy, starring Matthew Perry and Zac Efron.

[illegible] **Channel 4 News.**

[illegible] **[illegible]** Chris Green explains why he believes God is a woman.

[illegible] **River Cottage Veg.** Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's plan for a meat-free summer runs into trouble on a fishing trip – but he gets new inspiration by visiting a Japanese restaurant in Birmingham.

[illegible] **The Secret Millionaire.** Hairdresser Lee Stafford goes undercover in Salford.

[illegible] **Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** With Westlife, Dermot O'Leary, David Walliams, Mary J Blige and the Saturdays.

[illegible] **FILM Daredevil.** (2003) Comic-book adventure, starring Ben Affleck.

[illegible] American Football Live. [illegible] Post Modern Pastimes. (R) [illegible] Freesports on 4. (R) [illegible] Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

[illegible] Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. [illegible] Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) [illegible] Fireman Sam. (R) [illegible] Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) [illegible] Castle Farm. (R) [illegible] Igam Ogam. (R) [illegible] Milkshake! Monkey. (R) [illegible] Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) [illegible] The Save-Ums! (R) [illegible] Make Way for Noddy. (R) [illegible] Hana's Helpline. (R) [illegible] Little Princess. (R) [illegible] The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) [illegible] Angelina Ballerina. [illegible] Rupert Bear. (R) [illegible] Olivia. (R) [illegible] The Mr Men Show. (R) [illegible] Roary the Racing Car. (R) [illegible] Animal Families. (R) [illegible] Animal Rescue Squad. (R) [illegible] Superior Interiors with Kelly Hoppen. (R) [illegible] Big Brother. (R) [illegible] The Hotel Inspector. (R) [illegible] Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads. (R) [illegible] Film: Cats & Dogs. (2001) [illegible] Film: Open Season. (2006) Animated comedy, with the voice of Martin Lawrence. [illegible] Film: The Man in the Iron Mask. (1998) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

[illegible] **Paul Merton's Adventures.** (R)

[illegible] **[illegible]**

[illegible] **Big Brother.**

[illegible] **FILM Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery.** (1997) Spoof spy adventure, starring Mike Myers.

[illegible] UFC 83: Main Event. [illegible] SuperCasino. [illegible] Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) [illegible] Europa League Football. [illegible] Hana's Helpline. (R) [illegible] The Milkshake! Show. (R) [illegible] Thomas & Friends. (R) [illegible] Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2

[illegible] The Xtra Factor 4.55 All Star Family Fortunes 5.45 Film: ET: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982) 8.00 [illegible] 9.00 The Xtra Factor. Including an interview with the eliminated act. 10.15 The Only Way Is Essex 11.00 Models, Misfits and Mayhem

ITV3

9.00 Film: Psycho (1960) Hitchcock thriller, starring Anthony Perkins and Janet Leigh. 11.15 Hornblower

ITV4

3.00 Film: Destry (1954) 5.00 Film: The Far Country (1954) 7.00 Minder 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Film: Tango & Cash (1989) 11.10 Film: Child's Play (1988)

BBC THREE

7.00 Hot Like Us 8.00 The World's Strictest Parents 9.00 Gavin & Stacey 10.00 American Dad! 10.45 Family Guy 11.30 Him & Her

BBC FOUR

7.00 Tintin and Me 8.00 Symphony 9.00 Tales from the National Parks. Gold is discovered near a Loch Lomond village. Last in the series. 10.00 Film: Storyville: Murder on a Sunday Morning (2001) 11.55 Tales from the National Parks

E4

2.00 Film: Dr Dolittle (1998) 4.05 Make It or Break It 5.05 Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks (2007) 6.55 [illegible] 7.55 Film: Fantastic Four (2005) 10.00 Misfits 11.00 Comedy Lab: The Warm-Up Guy 11.25 Tool Academy

FILM4

3.05 The Gunfighter (1950) 4.35 Ladies in Lavender (2004) 6.45 Chocolat (2000) Romantic drama, with Juliette Binoche and Johnny Depp. 9.00 No Country for Old Men (2007) Thriller, starring Josh Brolin and Javier Bardem. 11.20 Courage Under Fire (1996)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.45 The New Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 Royal Upstairs Downstairs. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.45 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Flog It! 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing — It Takes Two. 7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 MasterChef: The Professionals. 9.00 The Choir: Military Wives. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Will It Snow? (R) 12.20 Damages. (R) 1.05 BBC News. 3.45 Close. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Ade in Britain. 5.00 Best Dish: The Chefs. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Little England. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 The Jury. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Real Crime with Mark Austin: The Game Show Killer. 11.35 That Sunday Night Show. (R) 12.05 Wildlife Patrol. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.45 Champions League Weekly. 3.00 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss USA. 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 The Renovation Game. 12.00 Drop Down Menu. 1.15 Film: Above Us the Waves. (1955) Fact-based Second World War naval drama, with John Mills. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thoughts.tv. 8.00 Brave New World with Stephen Hawking. 9.00 Hippo: Nature's Wild Feast. Animals that feast on the giant creature after its death. 10.30 Britain's Sex Gangs. 11.35 Rory Peck Awards. 11.40 Derren Brown: The Guilt Trip. (R) 12.40 Late Night Poker. 1.35 Film: Jewel Thief. (1967) Musical crime drama, starring Dev Anand. 4.40 Home Road Movies. (R) 4.50 Countdown. (R) 5.35 That Paralympic Show. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with Gabby. 12.05 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Big Brother. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: NY. (R) 3.10 Film: A Risk Worth Taking. (2008) Romantic drama, with Muriel Baumeister and Tim Dutton. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.30 Lost Heroes of World War One; 5 News Update. 8.00 The Gadget Show; 5 News at 8. 9.00 New Hotel Inspector. A countryside hotel in Kent. 10.00 Big Brother. 11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Side. 12.00 Police Interceptors. (R) 12.55 SuperCasino. 4.05 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 4.10 Grey's Anatomy. 5.00 County Secrets. (R) 5.10 House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Remembrance Week. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Filthy Rotten Scoundrels. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.10 Land Girls. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Holby City. 9.00 Death in Paradise. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather; National Lottery Update. 10.35 Imagine: Simon & Garfunkel: The Harmony Game. 11.50 Film: The Name of the Rose. (1986) Medieval mystery, starring Sean Connery. 1.55 Weatherview. 2.00 Sign Zone: Andrew Marr's Megacities. (R) 3.00 History Cold Case. (R) 4.00 Nigel Slater's Simple Cooking. (R) 4.30 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.45 The New Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 Royal Upstairs Downstairs. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.45 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Flog It! 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing — It Takes Two. 7.00 MasterChef: The Professionals. 8.00 James May's Man Lab. 9.00 Dam Busters: The Race to Smash the German Dams. 10.00 Later Live — with Jools Holland. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 The Choir: Military Wives. (R) 12.20 Damages. (R) 1.00 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.05 Sell Mall. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss USA. 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 The Renovation Game. 12.00 Drop Down Menu. 1.10 Film: Guns at Batasi. (1964) British military drama, starring Richard Attenborough. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thoughts.tv. 8.00 The Food Hospital. 9.00 Jamie's Great Britain. Jamie Oliver visits South Wales. 10.00 My Transsexual Summer. 11.05 Rory Peck Awards. 11.10 True Blood. 12.25 UK & Ireland Poker Tour. 1.25 Sailing. 1.50 Beach Volleyball. 2.45 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 3.10 Formula Ford Festival 2011. (R) 3.35 Formula Ford Championship. (R) 4.00 Great Scottish Swim. (R) 4.55 Post Modern Pastimes. (R) 5.10 Paralympic Wheelchair Rugby GB Cup 2011. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 Hairy Bikers Short. 1.45 Royal Upstairs Downstairs. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.45 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Flog It! 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing — It Takes Two. 7.00 Great British Food Revival. 8.00 MasterChef: The Professionals. 9.00 Peter Jones: How We Made Our Millions. 10.00 Rab C Nesbitt. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 John Sergeant Meets Rab C Nesbitt. (R) 12.05 Rab C Nesbitt. (R) 12.35 James May's Man Lab. (R) 1.35 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.45 The New Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 Royal Upstairs Downstairs. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.45 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Flog It! 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing — It Takes Two. 7.00 Great British Food Revival. 8.00 MasterChef: The Professionals. 9.00 Rev. 9.30 Life's Too Short. 10.00 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Burnistoun. 11.50 Women. 12.25 Damages. (R) 1.25 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 10.58 Two Minute Silence. 11.05 CBeebies. 11.45 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 1.45 Royal Upstairs Downstairs. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.45 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Flog It! 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing — It Takes Two. 7.00 Art for Heroes: A Culture Show Special. 8.00 Mastermind Children in Need Special. 8.30 Autumnwatch Live. 9.30 Autumnwatch Unsprung. 10.00 QI. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The Review Show. 11.45 Weather. 11.50 Later with Jools Holland. 12.55 Triangle. (R) 2.20 Art for Heroes: A Culture Show Special. (R) 3.20 BBC News. 4.00 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Ade in Britain. 5.00 Best Dish: The Chefs. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Wild Britain with Ray Mears. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 The Jury. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Falling Down. (1993) 12.40 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.45 Film: The Whole Ten Yards. (2004) 4.20 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.05 Sell Mall. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss USA. 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 The Renovation Game. 12.00 Drop Down Menu. 1.00 Channel 4 Racing. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.30 Unreported World. 7.55 4thoughts.tv. 8.00 Come Dine with Me. 9.00 Derren Brown: The Secret of Luck. 10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats. 10.35 Pete Versus Life. 11.10 Stand Up for the Week. 12.00 Film: Unmade Beds. (2009) 1.45 Channel 4 Presents — Jonnie Peacock: 'Hit the Ground Running'. (R) 1.50 Music on 4: Music on 4 Favourites: The Kooks. (R) 2.15 Music on 4: On Track. (R) 2.40 Music on 4: 4Play: On Land. (R) 2.55 Fuel. (R) 3.00 My Name Is Earl. (R) 3.45 Without a Trace. 4.30 St Elsewhere. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with Gabby. 12.05 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Big Brother. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Meerkat Manor. (R) 2.50 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 3.05 Film: The Maldonado Miracle. (2003) 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.30 Lost Heroes of World War One; 5 News Update. 8.00 Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads; 5 News at 8. 9.00 Big Brother: Live Final. 10.30 Tamara Ecclestone: Billion $$ Girl. 11.30 Big Brother's Bit on the Side. 12.15 SuperCasino. 4.00 Motorsport Mundial. 4.30 Great Scientists. (R) 4.55 Rough Guide to Weekend Breaks. (R) 5.10 House Doctor. (R)

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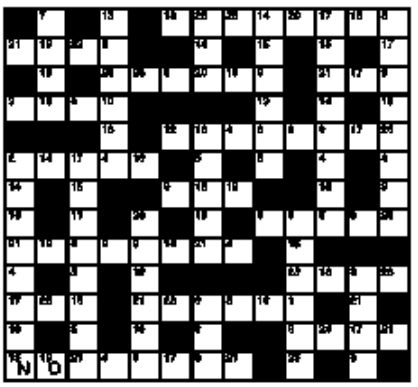

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
F	O	D	G	P	L	H	Z	Q	A	B	R	S
J	Y	M	C	U	T	N	V	I	K	E	X	W

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Egyptian goddess is shown twice (4)
8. Hot story taken in by medical orderly (10)
9. Possibly greets an N.C.O. (8)
10. Sound comeback (4)
12. Goes into liquids (ten when cooking hard)? (6)
14. Game on board to wind up with (6)
15. Show and finally cut (6)
17. Sash in, perhaps, and drive away (6)
18. One entitled to look closely (4)
19. Casual feature of grain formulating (8)
21. Animal gets cold in the Far East (10)
22. Learning a new role (4)

Down

2. What disposing of a good pair of nylons would be? (5,5)
3. Sticks up, looking complacent (4)
4. Small streetlights might help them to find their way home! (6)
5. Stalls, so both have to change (6)
6. Keep quiet aboard ship (4,4)
7. Voice of natural tone (4)
11. Is valid as a de scription of what a bucket does (5,5)
13. Supporter illicitly to maintain contact (8)
16. Just say he's a craftsman (6)
17. Just happened to be cruel (6)
18. With due deference to speed (4)
20. Genuine old Spanish coin (4)

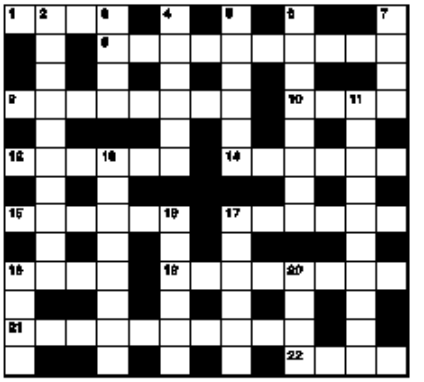
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Legend (4)
8. Easy task (5,4)
9. Dips in liquid (8)
10. Mixture (4)
12. Schoolkids (6)
14. Idea (6)
15. Law (6)
17. Motive (6)
18. Minus (4)
19. Mishap (8)
21. Unofficially (10)
22. Team (4)

Down

2. The first humans (4,3,3)
3. Pain (4)
4. Falls to hit (6)
5. U.S. inventor (6)
6. Short musical drama (8)
7. Cow house (4)
11. Declared (10)
13. Issue (8)
16. Convulsions (6)
17. Remember (6)
18. Den (4)
20. Periods of time (4)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

CRYPTIC Across. 7 Ovoid, 8 Adapted, 9 Aurora, 10 Sighs, 12 Well placed, 15 Armageddon, 18 Sofa, 19 Motion, 21 Petrard, 22 Venus. Down. 1 Showtime, 2 Town, 3 Usca, 4 Tuned, 5 Vibration, 6 Sixteen, 11 Pedestal, 13 Sighted, 14 Implore, 16 Oxide, 17 Rains, 20 Save. QUICK Across. 7 Noise, 8 Cameos, 9 Apparel, 10 Panel, 12 Clarendon, 15 Insolable, 18 Tines, 19 Support, 21 Overrun, 22 Angel. Down. 1 Amazonian, 2 Flippy, 3 Sous, 4 Oblige, 5 Proposal, 6 Pelvis, 11 Uncovered, 13 Illicitly, 14 Swingal, 16 Absent, 17 Tough, 20 Plan

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

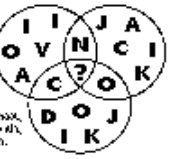
	2			1			6	
		3	2		8	7		
9		8				2		1
	4		9		1		5	
				3				6
3	9		7		6		2	
		9				8		2
		2	3		9	6		
	1			8			4	

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

7	3	8	1	5	4	9	2	6
5	2	6	3	7	9	4	8	1
9	4	1	8	2	6	7	3	5
8	7	4	6	9	1	3	5	2
1	6	3	5	4	2	8	9	7
2	9	5	7	8	3	6	1	4
4	8	9	2	1	5	5	6	3
3	5	2	4	6	7	1	4	8
6	1	7	9	3	8	2	7	9

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

The letter represented by the question mark is V. Arboretum, Cotswolds, Vermouth, all alcoholic drinks.

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Nurse Bharti and Kalpesh Patel with their two children Jaiden and Saijal in their new home

Movemaker Plus finds a buyer for home after 18 months on the market

Housebuilder helps move obstacle to family's dream

WHEN Bharti and Kalpesh Patel were having difficulty finding the right buyer for their home they found the ideal solution by purchasing from housebuilder David Wilson with the company's Movemaker Plus service, which they used to find a buyer for their old property.

Their home had been on the market for 18 months without the right buyer emerging but it was plain sailing after they purchased a family home at Churchfields Place, off All Saints Way in West Bromwich, off plan and used the Movemaker Plus service to find a buyer on the open market.

The couple and their two children, Jaiden and Saijal, were previously living in a three-bedroom semi-detached home in Dudley, but needed more space and wanted to be closer to their children's school.

"We're delighted with our new home" said Bharti, 39, who works as a nurse at nearby Sandwell Hospital.

"Location was a key consideration for us when it came to finding the right property and we're now closer to our children's school as well as mine and Kalpesh's work and all of our family in West Bromwich.

"We have plenty of space now, too. The home was particularly attractive because it has four double-bedrooms as well as plenty of excellent family spaces.

"We purchased off plan after using David Wilson's Movemaker Plus scheme, which was a real help – our property had been on the market for a good while and it made everything so much easier."

With Movemaker Plus, David Wilson arranges two independent valuations of the existing property and sells it on the open market. If no buyer has been found within six weeks, the company guarantees to buy the home instead in part exchange.

There are no estate agent fees to worry about and buyers have peace of mind that they will be able to move to their brand new home, no matter what.

"We visited the site about once a month once we'd picked our plot and Saijal and Jaiden really enjoyed seeing everything coming together as our home took shape" continued Bharti.

Progress

"Saijal even took photos throughout the build and wrote about the progress our house was making. It was great that she took such a big interest in our new home and we've produced a book about our move from the notes she made and the photos she took.

"And because we purchased off plan we were able to tailor our new home to our tastes with David Wilson's Expressions range. We purchased carpets, network points and bathroom accessories, which were all installed ready for when we moved in – and what's more everything is covered by David Wilson's five year warranty on fixtures and fittings."

The Expressions range provides a bespoke service not usually associated with a volume developer and homebuyers are enjoying the special treatment, unafraid of splashing out to make their brand new home just the way they want it.

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With David Wilson's five year warranty, everything purchased from Extras is covered for five years, above and beyond the standard NHBC warranty for no extra cost.

"It was great to be able to help Bharti and Kalpesh to find a buyer for their home when they were having difficulty," said Rita Tyler, Sales Manager for David Wilson Mercia.

"And we have all been really impressed with the book that Saijal has created about her move.

"It's great to see children being as passionate about their homes as we are.

"And anyone who is experiencing similar difficulties in finding the right purchaser for their home should take a lot of confidence from Bharti and Kalpesh's experience.

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- Unibic Au Chocolat Choc-chip cookies, 65g
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Retirement properties FOR SALE

Goldfield Court

Dartmouth Street, West Bromwich, B70 8GH

Goldfield Court is a new Extra Care development due for completion early summer 2012. The scheme is exclusively for those aged 55 and over, and has been designed to create a vibrant, welcoming community, allowing residents to enjoy a healthy, active and fulfilling retirement. The scheme will offer numerous facilities, including a restaurant, hair salon, guest suite and communal lounges. There will be a full time court manager on site, together with 24 hour care and support service, tailored to individual needs. Goldfield Court is located within half a mile of the town centre, and its wide range of shopping and leisure opportunities.

Sales Information day at **Woods Lane Community Centre, 157 Wood Lane, West Bromwich, B70 9PT** on Wednesday 16th November 2011, with sessions at 10:30 am, 1:30pm and 3:30pm

Information Day
Wednesday 16th November
10am until 4pm

Queensridge Court

82 Queensway, Oldbury B68 0LE

Queensridge Court is a new Extra Care development that offers accommodation to those aged 55 and over. It is conveniently situated in the heart of Oldbury, near to local shops, and leisure facilities. The Court has been deigned to create a welcoming community, and offered extensive facilities including a restaurant, hairdressing salon, guest suite, and beautiful landscaped gardens. There is a full time court manager on site, together with 24 hour care and support services, tailored to individual needs.

Open Day
Wednesday 9th November
10am until 6pm

For further information please contact Housing 21 on:

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Both developments have been made possible through a close working relationship between Housing 21, the Homes and Communities Agency and Sandwell Council.

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OLDBURY

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An exceptionally well presented detached residence. Recessed front entrance opening onto hall, cloakroom off, lounge, dining room, kitchen. Staircase from hall to first floor landing, three bedrooms (en-suite off master bedroom) bathroom, central heating and double glazing, side garage, off road parking, front and rear gardens

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Offers in the region of £126,950

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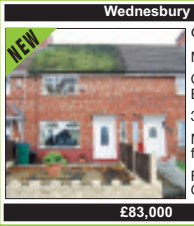

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Two Reception Rooms
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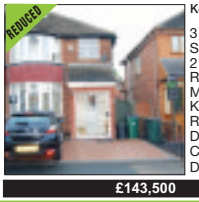

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★ FRONT AND REAR GARDENS
★ MUST BE VIEWED

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★ GUEST W.C. ★ EN-SUITE
★ FRONT DRIVEWAY
★ FRONT AND REAR GARDENS

GORSTY HILL ROAD, OLDBURY — NEW
£319,950
★ EIGHT BEDROOMS ★ DETACHED
★ THREE RECEPTION ROOMS
★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ DOWNSTAIRS WETROOM ★ REAR BALCONY
★ SIDE GARDEN

DEVONSHIRE ROAD, SMETHWICK
£369,950
★ SIX BEDROOM ★ DETACHED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS ★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ GUEST W.C. ★ UTILITY ROOM
★ EN-SUITE ★ FRONT DRIVEWAY
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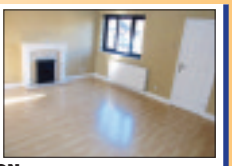

TIPTON
DOVECOTE CLOSE
★ Three bedroom detached property on corner plot
★ Lounge and dining room
★ Kitchen
★ Downstairs WC
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and driveway
★ Front and rear gardens
★ No upward chain
£149,995

TIPTON
ANNE GROVE
★ Three bedroom semi detached on corner plot
★ Through lounge
★ Extended kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Garage and driveway
★ Rear garden
£142,000

TIPTON
ANCHOR DRIVE
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Downstairs WC
★ Lounge
★ En suite to master bedroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and driveway
★ Front and rear gardens
£139,995

WEST BROMWICH
LEE STREET
★ Four bedroom semi detached including loft conversion
★ Lounge and dining room
★ Kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and driveway
★ Front and rear gardens
★ No upward chain
£130,000

TIPTON
MONINS AVENUE
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge
★ Dining kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and off road parking
★ Rear gardens
£119,995

WEST BROMWICH
BAILEY STREET
★ Extended three/four bedroom end terrace
★ Lounge and kitchen
★ Ground floor shower room
★ Ground floor extension/bedroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking with garage to rear
★ Front and rear gardens
£104,995

TIPTON
PARK AVENUE
★ First floor two bedroom flat
★ Lounge
★ Kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Side garden
£64,995

TIPTON
PATRICIA DRIVE
★ Three bedroom link detached
★ Lounge and dining area
★ Fitted breakfast kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage
★ Driveway
★ Front and rear gardens
WAS £129,995 NOW £127,500

OLDBURY
GILES ROAD
★ Extended three bedroom end terrace
★ Lounge, dining room and extended kitchen
★ Downstairs WC
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Detached garage to rear and off road parking to front
★ Rear garden
WAS £119,995 NOW OFFERS IN REGION OF £110,000

TIPTON
SOLLY GROVE
★ Two bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge
★ Breakfast kitchen
★ Double glazing
★ Off road parking
★ Front and rear gardens
WAS £99,995 NOW £95,995

TIPTON
GOSPEL OAK ROAD
★ Three bedroom end terrace
★ Lounge/dining room
★ Kitchen and conservatory
★ Gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Majority double glazing
★ Off road park and garage in separate block
★ Large rear garden
WAS £99,995 NOW £94,995

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TIPTON
HORSELEY ROAD
★ Extended five bedroom semi detached
★ Through lounge/dining room
★ En suite to master bedroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Garage and off road parking
★ Rear garden
WAS £189,995 NOW £179,995

TIPTON
THE SQUARE
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge/diner
★ En suite and family bathroom
★ Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and off road parking
★ Rear garden
WAS £124,995 NOW £119,995

WEST BROMWICH
WHITEHALL ROAD
★ Three bedroom mid terrace
★ Lounge
★ Dining kitchen
★ Conservatory
★ Upstairs family bathroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Off road parking to the rear
★ Similar Properties Required
£94,995

TIPTON
CHATWINS WHARF
★ Two bedroom bungalow for over 55 residents only
★ Lounge and kitchen
★ Bathroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Communal parking
★ Small rear garden
£84,995

WEST BROMWICH
WESTMINSTER ROAD
A traditional three bedroom semi detached in a prominent location having double glazing, off road parking and garage to the rear and offered for sale with NO UPWARD CHAIN
£89,950

DARLASTON
MARGARET ROAD
★ Three Bedroom End Town House
★ Open Aspect To Front
★ Double Glazed
★ Central Heating
★ Down Stairs Shower Room
★ Nice Level Garden
★ Parking
★ Potential To Extend Subject to PP
£89,950

Wednesbury
Walton Road
★ Two Bedroom Mid Terrace
★ Ideal First Purchase
★ Double Glazed
★ Low Maintenance
★ Rear Garden
★ First Floor Shower Room
★ Downstairs WC
£89,950 NO UPWARD CHAIN

WEDNESBURY
POUND ROAD
★ Superior End Terrace Property
★ Two Bedrooms
★ Two Receptons
★ Large First Floor Bathroom
★ Central Heated
★ Landscape Gardens
★ Out-buildings with wc
★ Viewing Essential
£94,950

WEDNESBURY
ST CHRISTOPHER DRIVE
★ Modern three bedroom detached
★ Lounge/diner
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
★ Two en suite shower rooms
★ Garage and driveway
★ Front and rear gardens
£169,950

DARLASTON
SANDWELL AVENUE
This two bedroom extended semi detached property is situated in a small cul-de-sac location and benefits from double glazing and condensing central heating system. Viewing recommended
£99,950

WEST BROMWICH
HAMPTON COURT
★ Detached Bungalow
★ Two Bedrooms
★ NO UPWARD CHAIN
★ Double Glazed
★ Central Heated
★ Garage
★ Private Driveway
★ Viewing Recommended
£139,950

WEDNESBURY
JOHN FLETCHER CLOSE
★ Modern three bedroom detached
★ Lounge
★ Breakfast kitchen
★ Conservatory
★ Downstairs wc
★ Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
★ Garage
£164,950

WEST BROMWICH
BUSTLEHOLME AVENUE
★ Superbly Presented Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow.
★ Re-furbished to a high standard throughout.
★ Sought After Location.
★ Double Garage and Parking
★Conservatory
★Landscaped Gardens
★ Viewing Recommended
£229,950

DARLASTON
DORSET ROAD
★ Superb three storey semi.
★ Master Bedroom and dressing area.
★ En-suite Bathroom
★ Garage.
★ Off road parking.
★ Larger than average rear garden.
★ Double Glazed
★ Central Heated
£154,950

WEDNESBURY
HOBS ROAD
★ A unique opportunity to acquire a fully refurbished and immaculately presented four bedroom detached bungalow
★ In a prime location for motorway access and schools
★ An exceptional property!
★ NO UPWARD CHAIN
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WEDNESBURY
PROVIDENCE TERRACE
★ A mid terraced property
★ Three bedrooms
★ Two reception rooms
★ In need of modernisation
£75,000

WEDNESBURY
MARK ROAD
★ Improved semi detached
★ Two Bedrooms
★ Ideal First Time Buy
★ Double Glazed
★ Gas Central Heating
★ Off Road Parking
★ Garden to Rear
★ VACANT POSSESSION
£94,950

DARLASTON
RICHARDS STREET
★ Traditional mid terrace house
★ Three bedroom
★ Two reception rooms
★ Double glazed and centrally heated
★ Rear garden
★ Vacant possession
★ Viewings via Wednesbury office
£79,950

DARLASTON
KING EDWARD STREET
★ Traditional Semi Detached Property
★ Two Bedrooms
★ Double Glazed
★ Gas Central Heated
★ Garage Space At Rear
★ Two Receptions
★ Ground Floor Bathroom
★ Vacant Possession
£89,960

WEDNESBURY
HALES ROAD
★ Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property
★ Two Reception Rooms
★ Spacious Kitchen
★ Large Rear Garden
★ Off Road Parking
★ Good Size Bathroom
★ Gardens to Front And Rear
★ VACANT POSSESSION
£115,000

Wednesbury
Goldicroft Road
★ Traditional Three Bedroom Property
★ Quiet Cul de Sac Location
★ Parking for Several Cars
★ Detached Garage/workshop
★ Central Heated
★ Open Aspect To Rear
★ Two Reception Rooms
★ Viewing Essential
REDUCED TO £149,950

WEDNESBURY
THE OVAL
★ Well Presented Semi Detached Property
★ Three Bedrooms
★ Lounge
★ Dining Kitchen
★ Central Heating
★ First Floor Bathroom
★ Enclosed Rear Garden
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TIPTON
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2 bedroom modern semi, spacious lounge central heated and double glazed. first floor bathroom. unfurnished. Off road parking.
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TIPTON
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WEST BROMWICH
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£500

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WYNTOR LANE

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Modern 3 bedroom semi-detached property, spacious lounge, upstairs bathroom. ch & Dg, private drive and garage. unfurnished.
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OLDBURY

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WEST BROMWICH
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TIPTON
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TIPTON
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WEST BROMWICH
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£525

TIPTON
MIDDLE MEADOW

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SMETHWICK

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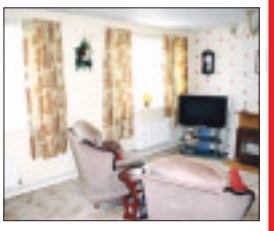

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- In need of Modernisation
- Generous Lounge
- Pleasant Rear Garden
- Potential for Parking
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the rgion of £119,950

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- Fully Alarmed
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- Downstairs Cloakroom
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- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms

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- Double Fronted
- Two Reception Rooms
- Potential for Parking

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Thimblemill Road, Bearwood

- A Well Presented End Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Delightful Kitchen

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Pargeter Road, Bearwood

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- Two Double Bedrooms
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- Recently Fitted Bathroom

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- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Spacious Bathroom

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Edgbaston £129,950

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Bearwood £114,950

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Smethwick £190,000

Forster Road
A detached property with internal viewing highly recommended property comprises vestibule, hallway, three reception rooms, conservatory, fitted kitchen, two cloakrooms, four bedrooms, re-fitted upstairs bathroom, loft room/storage. MUST BE VIEWED.

Hockley £139,950

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Connells are pleased to offer this modern town house comprising hallway, two reception rooms, cloakroom, kitchen, three bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens, driveway. No chain.

Edgbaston £124,950

Ridgeway
A mid terraced property comprising porch, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom, three bedrooms, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front driveway, rear gardens. No Chain.

Winson Green £69,950

Victoria Grove
Connells are pleased to offer this mid terraced property comprising two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens. No Chain.

Bearwood £145,000

Pargeter Road
A beautifully presented mid terraced property with internal viewing most highly recommended, comprising vestibule, through lounge, refitted kitchen, two bedrooms, refitted bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens.

Bearwood £134,950

Thimblemill Road
An end terraced property comprising two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, re-fitted upstairs bathroom with separate shower cubicle, loft room, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens.

Bearwood £189,950

Galton Road
A superb mid terraced property with internal viewing highly recommended, the property comprises vestibule entrance hallway, through lounge, extended re-fitted dining kitchen, three bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens.

Smethwick £84,950

Capethorn Road
A mid terraced property with internal viewing recommended, comprising two reception rooms, extended refitted kitchen, utility room, two bedrooms, refitted upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where specified. No chain.

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Oldbury £100,000

Titford Lane
Connells are pleased to introduce a 3 bedroom semi detatched property, comprising of modern fitted kitchen and modern fitted bathroom, 2 reception rooms, double glazing, central heating, front and rear gardens. Priced for a quick sale and Ideal for first time buyers.

Oldbury £132.500

Hayes Road
Connells are pleased to market this 2/3 bedroom semi detatched property, comprising of 1 reception room, kitchen diner, conservatory, downstairs shower room and upstairs bath room, off road parking, double glazing and central heating, front and rear gardens.

Oldbury £135,000

Bernard Road
Connells are pleased to introduce this extended 3 bedroom traditional semi detatched property, having 2 reception rooms, extended kitchen, downstairs wc, upstairs family bathroom, off road parking for several vehicles, central heating and double glazing, priced for a quick sale.

Oldbury £275,000

Birchfield Lane
Connells are pleased to introduce this 5 bedroom detatched property, comprising of 3 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, upstairs family bathroom, off road parking for several vehicles, garage, generous rear garden, double glazing and central heating. Viewing advised to appriciate the size.

Oldbury £87,500

Pound Road
Connells are pleased to present this three bedroomed semi detached property comprising lounge, through to dining area, verandah kitchen, downstairs cloakroom, family bathroom, garage to side. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified. No upward chain.

56 Midhill Drive, Rowley Regis, B65 9SE

Public Notice
We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £138.000. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers to the selling agent Connells before an exchange of contracts takes place.

Oldbury £115,000

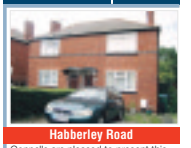
Ashwood Close
Connells introduce this modern end town house having four bedrooms, one reception room, downstairs cloakroom, master bedroom having ensuite, on block garage with parking space, front and rear gardens. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Oldbury £99.500

Oakdale Close
Connells are pleased to present this three bed end terraced property having lounge, dining area, kitchen, bathroom, front and rear gardens. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Oldbury £69,950

Birchfiled Lane
Connells are pleased to introduce this two bedroomed mid terraced having two reception rooms, kitchen, upstairs bathroom and rear garden. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Rowley Regis £85,000

Habberley Road
Connells are pleased to present this two bed semi detached property comprising of lounge, kitchen, utility room, bathroom, rear garden and off road parking. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Oldbury £110,000

Ascot Close
Connells are marketing this three bedroom semi-detached property benefiting from porch, lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, double glazing, solid fuel heating, rear garden, off road parking with car port. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

Wednesbury Branch
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Darlaston £69,950

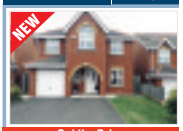
Forge Road
A traditional style two bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing (as specified) lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, first floor shower room, enclosed good size rear garden, drive-way providing off road parking. No upward chain.

Wednesbury £130,000

Elm Avenue
A well maintained three bedroom semi-detached property in a cul-de-sac location briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) fitted breakfast kitchen, lounge, conservatory, first floor shower room, enclosed rear garden, drive-way providing off road parking.

Wednesbury £138,950

Moxley Road
An extended three bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, first floor bathroom, converted garage being used as bedroom 4, enclosed rear garden, off road parking, no upward chain.

Wednesbury Offers in excess of £240,000

Goldby Drive
An immaculately presented four bedroom executive detached property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, ground floor cloakroom, master bedroom with en-suite, enclosed rear garden, garage, drive-way. No upward chain.

Tipton £110,000

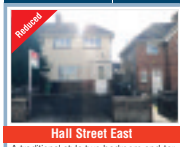
St Johns Road
A well presented three bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) lounge, dining area, fitted kitchen, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, block paved fore court.

Wednesbury £110,000

Willenhall Street
A well maintained three bedroom semi-detached property on a corner plot briefly comprising of, part uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) lounge, breakfast kitchen, ground floor bathroom, first floor WC, enclosed rear garden.

Wednesbury £74,995

Bradshaw Avenue
A three bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising of uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified), lounge, fitted kitchen, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden and forecourt. Also benefits from No Upward Chain.

Darlaston £53,500

Hall Street East
A traditional style two bedroom end-terrace property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) lounge, breakfast kitchen, ground floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, no upward chain.

Wednesbury £65,000

Carrington Road
A three bedroom mid-terrace property benefiting from no upward chain and briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, ground floor WC, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden.

Wednesbury £70,000

Walton Road
A two bedroom mid terrace property briefly comprising of uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified), lounge, fitted kitchen, dining room, first floor bathroom, loft room, enclosed rear garden and off road parking. Also benefiting from No Upward Chain.

Wednesbury £79,950

Sandy Lane
A three bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) lounge, kitchen, downstairs WC, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden. No upward chain.

West Bromwich Branch
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West Bromwich £124,950

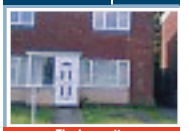
Huntington Road
A modern style Detached Property benefiting from 3 bedrooms, master ensuite, family bathroom, living room, fitted kitchen, hallway, guests cloakroom, front and rear gardens, driveway providing off road parking.

West Bromwich £99,950

Hobnail House
Connells are pleased to introduce this 1st floor maisonette benefiting from its own private entrance door, briefly comprising of 2 bedrooms, 1 reception room, kitchen, bathroom, central heating and double glazing, NO UPWARD CHAIN

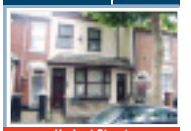
West Bromwich £74,950

Marsh Lane
A Semi Detached Property conveniently situated for local road and transport links benefiting from two bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, Kitchen, Front & Rear Garden. No Upward Chain

Handsworth £94,950

The Leveretts
End Town House, benefiting from 3 bedrooms, bathroom area, kitchen area, open plan kitchen lounge diner No upward chain, rear garden.

West Bromwich £89,950

Heath Lane
Connells are pleased to introduce this semi detached property conveniently located for Sandwell Hospital and West Bromwich Town Centre, briefly comprising of 3 bedrooms, reception room, fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom, front and rear gardens, off road parking,central heating and double glazing

West Bromwich £114,950

Herbert Street
Victorian style end terrace property, briefly comprising of 4 bedrooms, 3 reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, rear garden, no upward chain.

West Bromwich £89,950

Whitgreave Street
Connells are pleased to introduce this well located semi detached property, briefly comprising of 3 bedrooms, off road parking, living room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, front and rear garden.

West Bromwich £107,950

Harvills Hawthorn
Modern style end town house, briefly comprising of lounge diner, fitted kitchen,guest WC, entrance hall, 3 bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, driveway and rear garden, no upward chain.

West BRowmich £54,950

Vine Crescent
50% shared ownership Mid terrace property,briefly comprising of 2 bedrooms, 1 reception room, kitchen/diner,upstairs bathroom,front and rear garden,off road parking, double glazing and central heating. The property is also available to purcahse the full 100% subject to terms and conditions.

West Bromwich £92,500

Hayes Street
A Well located terraced home conveniently situated for West Bromwich town centre and local transport links. The property benefits from two bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, family bathroom, rear vehicle access, rear garden, No Upward Chain.

West Bromwich £82,000

Cambridge Street,
A Well located terraced home conveniently situated for West Bromwich town centre and local transport links. The property benefits from two bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, family bathroom, rear vehicle access, rear garden, No Upward Chain.

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86 BIRMINGHAM STREET

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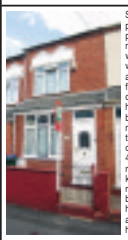
REDUCED

ROSEFIELD ROAD, SMETHWICK



Situated in this pleasant and very popular residential neighbourhood midway between Smethwick and Bearwood, a traditional style freehold terraced villa offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, occasional bedroom 4/loft conversion, two reception rooms, kitchen and bathroom, having the benefit of comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand.

Offers based on £119,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

ALEXANDER ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Carefully maintained & well presented
- Gas centrally heated
- PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious lounge & dining room
- Full internal inspection to be appreciated

Offers based on £119,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, OLDBURY

- Traditional style freehold semi-detached residence with double glazing and gas central heating
- Exceptional family accommodation
- Extended to include FIVE GOOD SIZE BEDROOMS
- Hall, 30ft inter-communicating lounge/dining room and excellent fitted dining/kitchen to the ground floor
- Side garage plus off-street parking for two cars
- Well appointed bathroom with individual shower
- Delightful landscaped gardens

Offers based on £229,500

Viewing: Bearwood Office

ANDERSON ROAD, BEARWOOD

This deceptively spacious traditional style freehold terrace ed villa offers PVC double glazed and well heated accommodation to include three bedrooms, fully tiled shower room, two reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs cloakroom, conservatory and neatly laid out gardens to the rear, being located in a popular and established thoroughfare within easy reach of the main Bearwood Road and its shopping and enjoying easy access to Birmingham city centre.

Offers based on £134,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

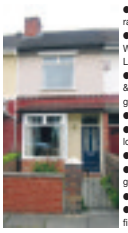
131 ROOD END ROAD, OLDBURY

A modern first floor maisonette offering double glazed accommodation which is gas centrally heated virtually throughout and includes two bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, kitchen, communal gardens and off-street parking, located in a popular and convenient residential neighbourhood and being an ideal first time purchase.

£69,500

NEW

PARK ROAD, BEARWOOD



- Freehold mid-terraced property
- Located close to Warley Woods & Lightwoods Park
- Centrally heated & virtually double glazed throughout
- Three bedrooms
- Through lounge/dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Neatly laid out garden to the rear
- Well presented
- Ideally suited for first time buyers

£149,950

NEW

ETHEL STREET BEARWOOD

- Freehold traditional terraced villa
- Two double bedrooms
- Nearly 30ft through lounge
- Good size kitchen and bathroom
- Gardens front and rear
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Exceptionally convenient close Beanwood shopping centre
- In need of general improvement

£89,950

NEW

DAWSON STREET, SMETHWICK

- Freehold mid-terraced property located just off the main High Street in Bearwood
- Gas centrally heated
- Two double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Neatly laid out garden to the rear
- Ideally suited for first time buyers

£110,000

NEW

LINCOLN ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms and shower room
- Spacious lounge and kitchen/breakfast room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Neatly laid out gardens to front and rear
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre

£117,500

WATERLOO ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Traditional freehold villa
- Well maintained original features
- Deceptively spacious family accommodation
- Three bedrooms and bathroom to first floor
- Through hall, two living rooms, good size kitchen and shower room downstairs
- Nice location opposite Hadley Sports Stadium
- Centrally heated, double glazed and alarmed
- Comprehensive amenities virtually on the doorstep

Offers based on £134,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

REDUCED

PARK ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Freehold mid-terraced property
- Close proximity to Bearwod High Street, Warley Woods and Lightwoods Park
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- OCCASIONAL BEDROOM 3/LOFT CONVERSION
- Bathroom with double size individual shower
- Spacious lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Dining room
- Well stocked neatly laid out garden
- Internal inspection to be appreciated

Offers based on £167,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

GROVE ROAD, OLDBURY

A well presented, deceptively spacious freehold semi detached property located in this extremely pleasant residential neighbourhood just one hundred yards or so from Warley Woods and offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, bathroom, hall, spacious lounge, kitchen, neatly laid out gardens to front and rear, detached garage, off street parking for two cars and also having the potential for extensions (subject to planning permission) requiring internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on: £179,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

PUBLIC AUCTION

AT
PORTLAND ROAD PAVILION
241 PORTLAND ROAD, EDGBASTON, B17 8LS
ON MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2011 AT 6.30PM

Lot 1: 15 BEAKES ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5RS
Freehold 4 bedroomed terraced, needing improvement £90-100,000

Lot 2: 8 ST. STEPHENS ROAD WEST BROMWICH B71 4LR
Freehold 3 bedroomed town house requiring renovation £50-60,000

Lot 3: 15 PINKNEY PLACE, OLDBURY B68 9PE
Freehold 3 bedroomed centrally heated semi, in need of improvement £75 -80,000

Lot 4: 93 ROOD END ROAD, OLDBURY B68 8SL
Freehold 3 bedroomed mid-terraced, needing modernisation £70-75,000

Lot 5: 24 WOODNORTON ROAD ROWLEY REGIS B65 0QY
Freehold 3 bedroomed semi-detached requiring further improvement £70-75,000

Lot 6: 30 HALL ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 6SG
Freehold centrally heated semi-detached with 3 double bedrooms £90-100,000

Lot 7: 25 ST. MARKS ROAD SMETHWICK B67 6QF
Freehold 3 bedroomed semi in need of improvement £110-120,000

Lot 8: 226 BRISTNALL HALL ROAD OLDBURY B68 9NJ
WITHDRAWN
Freehold 3 bedroomed double fronted semi, needing modernisation £circa 80,000

Lot 9: 24 LAUNDRY ROAD SMETHWICK B66 4PR
Freehold 3 bedroomed centrally heated and double glazed terraced £ circa 70,000

Lot 10: 29 DOG KENNEL LANE OLDBURY B68 9LY
WITHDRAWN
Freehold 3 bedroomed semi with garages, needing general improvement £95-100,000

WIGORN ROAD, BEARWOOD

A most superbly improved and pleasantly situated traditional style freehold end villa residence having been sympathetically modernised to a high standard and offering gas centrally heated and partly double glazed accommodation which requires full internal inspection to be appreciated and includes two double bedrooms, expensively equipped first floor refitted bathroom with separate shower, dining room, lounge, refitted kitchen and good size laid out garden to the rear, being within easy reach of both Bearwood High Street and Warley Woods, having Birmingham city centre readily accessible and with comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand.

Offer based on £147,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

HALES CRESCENT, SMETHWICK

An immaculate, much improved and well presented freehold end town house located in a popular neighbourhood off Hales Lane, within easy reach of both Bearwood and Smethwick town centres, offering gas centrally heated, double glazed and alarmed accommodation to include three bedrooms, bathroom with shower, hall, excellent well proportioned through lounge/dining room, kitchen, off-street parking for two cars and good size garden to the rear, having comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand and being ideal for first time purchasers.

Offers based on: £114.950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

REDUCED

GRAFTON ROAD, OLDBURY

Full internal inspection is highly recommended for this traditional style semi detached residence which offers good accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. The well planned spacious accommodation includes reception hall, open plan lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom and separate toilet, long rear garden, garage to rear, freehold.

Offers based on: £136,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

REDUCED

HIGHBURY ROAD, SMETHWICK

Contained in a popular residential locality just off Mallin Street close to Oldbury Road this deceptively spacious fully modernised end town house offers good family accommodation with the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating. Internal inspection is highly recommended and briefly comprises reception hall, two reception rooms, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, first floor bathroom, excellent gardens, freehold.

Offers based on £104,995

Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEW

VALENTINE ROAD, OLDBURY

Situated in a popular and well established residential neighbourhood this well presented semi detached residence offers good accommodation with the benefit of double glazing and gas fired central heating. Internal inspection is highly recommended and briefly comprises entrance hall, front lounge, open plan breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, off street parking to front, good sized garden to rear, freehold.

Price £124,500

Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEW

VICARAGE STREET, OLDBURY

Forming an ideal first purchase this excellently presented modern end town house offers good accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. Full internal inspection is highly recommended and briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, open plan dining kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, garden, freehold.

Price £104,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEW

TAYLOR WAY, OLDBURY

Full internal inspection is highly recommended for this modern family detached residence contained on a popular residential development close to the New Birmingham Road, if benefits from gas fired central heating and double glazing and briefly comprises entrance hall, fitted cloakroom, front lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, integral garage, three bedrooms, house bathroom, en suite shower room, gardens fore and rear, freehold.

Price £179,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEW

ELIZABETH CRESCENT, OLDBURY

In need of general improvement this traditional style end town house offers good accommodation with the benefit of part double glazing and gas fired central heating but requires upgrading, it includes entrance hall, front lounge, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom, outside WC, long rear garden, foregarden, freehold.

Price £85,000

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Madin Road, Tipton — NEW

Extended Traditional semi detached having double glazing, gas central heating and offering no upward chain. Extended to rear whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, extended sitting room, extended kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathrom, driveway and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£91,500**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Catherton Close, Tipton — NEW

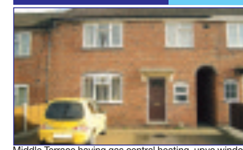
Modern Semi Detached offering superbly presented internal accommodation. Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, side driveway, fore and attractive rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£114,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Wolseley Road, West Bromwich — NEW

Semi Detached in need of repair / attention. Reception hall, through lounge, kitchen, utility area, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£69,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

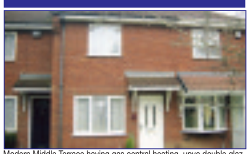
Howl Place, Tipton — NEW

First Floor Flat having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and offering no upward chain. Reception hall, landing, lounge, inner hallway, fitted kitchen, balcony, double bedroom, bathroom and parking area.
OFFERS AROUND: **£47,500**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Locarno Road, Tipton — NEW

Middle Terrace having gas central heating, upvc windows (some double glazed) and immaculate internal accommodation. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, 2 car block paved driveway and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£83,500**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Elizabeth Walk, Tipton — NEW

Extended Semi Detached situated in a most sought after location. Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and extension to rear whilst offering no upward chain, spacious family accommodation which briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, fitted kitchen, utility room, guest cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£159,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Great Bridge Road, Bilston

Modern Middle Terrace having gas central heating, upvc double glazing and viewing recommended. Superbly presented internal accommodation briefly comprises, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, allocated parking, fore / rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£89,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Castle Street, Tipton

Brand New Luxury Apartment situated on a canalside development. Reception hall, open plan fitted kitchen / lounge with balcony. double bedroom, bathroom and secure parking.
OFFERS AROUND: **£80,000**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Bell Street, Tipton

Modern Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Ideal first time purchase whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front, fore / rear garden and garage in separate block.
OFFERS AROUND: **£87,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Moat Road, Tipton

Traditional Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & offering no upward chain. Porch, reception hall, through lounge / dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, fore and rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£89,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Castle Road, Tipton

Individual Traditional Detached which has beed renovated and much improved. Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and briefly comprising, lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, enclosed driveway and garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£94,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Steven Drive, Bilston

Modern End Terrace on a 50% share ownership making an ideal starter home. Offering upvc double glazing, electric heating & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom, parking & communal gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£42,500**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Powis Avenue, Tipton — NEW

End Terrace offering immaculate internal accommodation. Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, guest cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom plus shower cubicle, block paved driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£94,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Napier Drive, Tipton

Modern Extended Link Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & being extended to rear / side. Offering superbly presented internal accommodation which briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, downstairs shower room, utility area, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, crete-print driveway, side garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£149,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Glebefields Road, Tipton — NEW

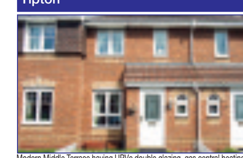
Extended Semi Detached having upvc double glazing (most windows), gas central heating and extension to rear. Offering good size family accommodation which briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, guest cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, side driveway, side garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£134,500**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Daisy Meadow, Tipton

Modern Semi Detached having double glazing, gas central heating, sought after location, ideal starter home & briefly comprising, reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Side Driveway & Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£90,000**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Arthur Road, Tipton

Extended Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, extension to rear at ground and first floor, spacious well presented internal accommodation & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, sitting room, fitted breakfast kitchen, downstairs shower room, 4 bedrooms (All have fitted wardrobes), bathroom, enclosed crete print driveway for numourous vehicles & attractive rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN
OFFERS AROUND: **£117,500**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Newcomen Drive, Tipton

Modern Middle Terrace having UPVc double glazing, gas central heating, superbly presented accommodation & briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen with built in oven/hob, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, 2 allocated parking spaces, fore and rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£119,995**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Middle Meadow, Tipton

Modern Larger Style Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and spacious family accommodation. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, conservatory, fitted breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 en suite shower rooms, family bathroom, 2 car driveway & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£164,995**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Oval Road, Tipton — REDUCED

Improved End Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and spacious family accommodation. Offering no upward chain & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, outhouses, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, enclosed driveway, fore / large rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£90,000**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Greenacre Road, Tipton

Semi Detached situated on a most sought after established development. Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, garage conversion, improved internal accommodation and briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, guest cloakroom, study room, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, rear porch, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, 2 car driveway, fore & rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£164,995**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

William Barrows Way, Tipton

An immaculate 4 Bedroom semi detached residence on a sought after development which benefits from UPVc Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, NHBC Guarantee and briefly comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge with feature fireplace, Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Guest Cloakroom, Conservatory, 4 Bedrooms - Master with En-Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom with shower cubicle, Front & Rear Gardens, Side Driveway and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: **£169,950**
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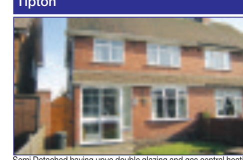
Arthur Road, Tipton

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Spacious family accommodation briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, fitted kitchen, outhouses, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, driveway to front & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£109,995**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Menin Road, Tipton

Much Improved End Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, loft conversion & alarm. Superbly presented accommodation briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, guest cloakroom, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed driveway to front & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£114,995**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Myrtle Terrace, Tipton

Modern Link Detached having upvc double glazing and situated on a sought after location. Reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, block paved driveway, good size side garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£145,995**
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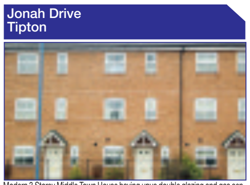
Jonah Drive, Tipton

Modern 3 Storey Middle Town House having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Well presented spacious family accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen / dining room, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, separate garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£144,950**
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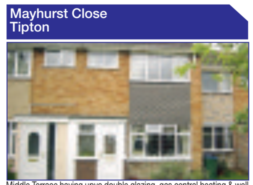
Mayhurst Close, Tipton

Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & well maintained accommodation. Reception hall, through lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen (built in appliances), 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, Intruder Alarm, fore / rear garden and garage in separate block.
OFFERS AROUND: **£109,950**
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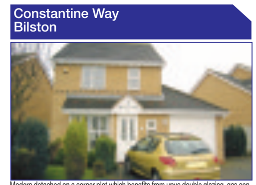
Constantine Way, Bilston

Modern detached on a corner plot which benefits from upvc double glazing, gas central heating and offering no upward chain & briefly comprising: Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room, 3 Bedrooms, En suite shower room, Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens + Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: **£169,950**
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Parkes Lane, Tipton

Semi Detached having gas central heating and part upvc double glazing. Well presented accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, through lounge, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom, 3 bedrooms, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£99,950**
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Meldon Drive, Bilston — REDUCED

Much Improved Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Enclosed porch, reception hall, through lounge / dining room, re-fitted kitchen (built in appliances), 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, large driveway & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£105,000**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Stead Close, Tipton

Modern Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & superbly presented accommodation. Situated on a sought after development whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen / dining room, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, luxury bathroom plus shower cubicle, large crete-print driveway, garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£159,995**
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Dovecote Close, Tipton — REDUCED

Modern Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & good size corner plot. Offering no upward chain & superbly improved / presented accommodation which briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, side garage, fore & attractive rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: **£149,950**
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Kiers Bridge Close, Tipton

Modern Middle Terrace having double glazing and gas central heating. Situated in a cul de sac location with canal views, whilst the accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, large fitted breakfast kitchen, conservatory, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front & attractive rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: **£109,950**
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Mytton Grove, Tipton

Modern Purpose Built First Floor Apartment having upvc double glazing, electric heating, security entrance doors and canal views. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom & allocated parking space.
OFFERS AROUND: **£80,000**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Avern Close, Tipton

Modern Purpose Built Ground Floor Flat having upvc double glazing, electric heating and security entrance doors. Superbly presented accommodation briefly comprises, reception area, lounge, inner hallway, fitted kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom with shower and parking space.
OFFERS AROUND: **£64,950**
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Weddell Wynd, Bilston

PUBLIC NOTICE: Property Address:- 10 Weddell Wynd, Bilston, West Midlands, WV14 8UH. We advise that an offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £79,950. Any persons wishing to increase on this offer should notify the agents of their best offer prior to exchange of contracts. Agents Address:- Paul Dubberley & Co, 73 Great Bridge, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 7HF. Telephone:- 0121 522 3733
OFFERS AROUND: **£79,950**
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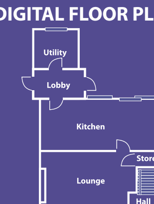

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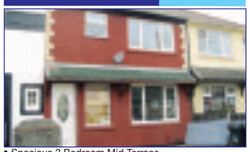
Manor House Road, Wednesbury

- Individual Detached Residence
- No Upward Chain!
- 3 Bedrooms (En-Suite to Bedroom 1)
- Deceptively Spacious

OFFERS AROUND: **£139,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Hewitt Street, Darlaston — NEW



- Spacious 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- No Upward Chain & Requiring General Upgrade
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating & Double GLazing (as specified)

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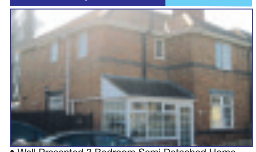
Smith Avenue, Darlaston — NEW

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Double Glazing (as specified) & Centrall Heating
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Reception Hall & Lounge

Viewing: 01902 633323 **£79,995**

Hales Road, Wednesbury — NEW



- Well Presented 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double GLazing (as specified)
- Storm Porch & Reception Hall
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£124,995**
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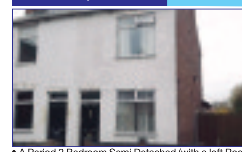
Brunswick Park Road, Wednesbury — NEW



- A Period 2 Bedroom Semi Detached (with a loft Room)
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Lounge
- Dining Room with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: **£105,000**
Viewing: 01902 633323

Waverley Road, Darlaston

- 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Central Heating & Double Glazing (where specified)
- No Upward Chain
- 2 Reception Rooms

OFFERS AROUND: **£89,995**
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Memory Lane, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A Modern 3 Bedroom Link Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Extremely Well Presented Throughout
- Secluded Location wihtin a Popular Estate

OFFERS AROUND: **£144,950**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Pound Road, Wednesbury

- 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: **£86,000**
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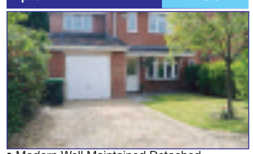
Catherton Close, Tipton — REDUCED



- Modern Well Maintained Detached
- Secluded Corner Position
- 4 Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating

OFFERS AROUND: **£169,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Somerset Crescent, Wednesbury

- A Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double Glazing (where specified)
- Needing General Upgrade & No Upward Chain!

OFFERS AROUND: **£104,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Cinder Way, Wednesbury

- A Recently Refurbished 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- No Upward Chain
- Centrally Heated and Double Glazed (where specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£94,995**
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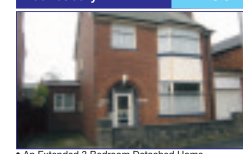
Brunswick Park Road, Wednesbury — REDUCED



- An Extended 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (where specified)
- Reception Hall
- Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: **£155,000**
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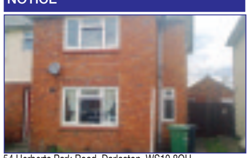
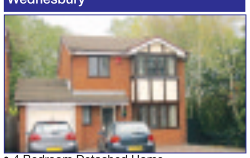


54 Herberts Park Road, Darlaston, WS10 8QH.
We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £50,995 on the above property. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before exchange of contacts takes place.

Taryn Drive, Wednesbury



- 4 Bedroom Detached Home
- Located in a Quiet Cul-de-sac Location
- No Upward Chain!
- Gas Central Heating

OFFERS AROUND: **£199,995**
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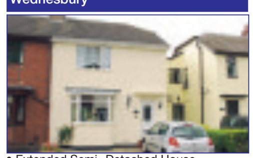
Sandwell Avenue, Wednesbury



- Extended Semi- Detached House
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Car Drive
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: **£99,995**
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Park Lane, Wednesbury

- Much Improved Mid Terrace
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room

OFFERS AROUND: **£109,995**
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Hollies Drive, Wednesbury

- A Wonderful Period Butt Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Partially Double Glazed
- Retaining Many Original Features
- Vestibule Entrance

OFFERS AROUND: **£234,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Hydes Road, West Bromwich

- An Extended 4 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (As specified)
- Excellent Location for Stone Cross & Surrounding Towns
- 33ft Through Lounge/Diner

OFFERS AROUND: **£189,995**
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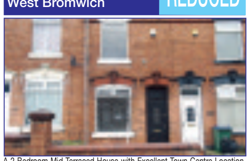
Cambridge Street, West Bromwich — REDUCED



A 2 Bedroom Mid Terraced House with Excellent Town Centre Location. Benefitting from Central Heating, Part Double Glazed and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, 2 Good Size Bedrooms and Gardens to Front & Rear.

OFFERS AROUND: **£74,950**
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Wyld Close, West Bromwich — REDUCED

A Modern 3 Berdroom Semi Detached House Situated within a Quiet Cul De Sac. Extension potential (subject to planning permission). Centrally Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. Accommodation Comprises- Hall, Lounge, Open Plan Kithcen/ Diner, Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Driveway Off Road Parking.

OFFERS AROUND: **£129,950**
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Blades Road, West Bromwich

A Spacious Extended Semi Detached House, Conveniently located for West Bromwich and Great Bridge. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Open Plan Kitchen/ Diner, Utility with WC, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Shower Room/ WC, Large Split Level Rear Garden and Gravelled Off Road Parking to Front leading to Side Garage.

OFFERS AROUND: **£127,000**
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Broadfield Close, West Bromwich

A Two Bedroom First Floor Maisonette availble for Cash Offers Only due to Short Lease Length. Requires Upgrade and Refurbishment but Priced Accordingly. No Upward Chain. Accommodation comprises-Entrance Hall with storage cupboards, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Shower Room/ WC, Communal Rear Garden with Garden Store.

OFFERS AROUND: **£49,950**
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Bustleholme Avenue, West Bromwich

REDUCED FOR A QUICK SALE !!!!!! Well presented, extended semi detached residence set in a quite cul de sac location in a sought after location of West Bromwich. The property benefits from gas central heating and majority double glazing. Briefly comprising: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens, Ample off Road Parking to the Rear and Garage. (access via private road)

OFFERS AROUND: **£195,000**
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Charlemont Avenue, West Midlands

An Excellent, Extended Traditional Detached House, Significantly improved by the current vendors to a high standard. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Hall with Guest Cloaks WC, Lounge, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bedroom with En Suite Shower Room/ WC

OFFERS AROUND: **£259,950**
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Hall Green Road, West Bromwich

Traditional Semi Detached having double glazing, gas central heating and much improved internal accommodation. Porch, reception hall, lounge, open plan dining room / fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom plus shower cubicle, driveway, good size side garage and attractive large rear garden.

OFFERS AROUND: **£170,000**
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Harrington Croft, West Bromwich

An Impressive, Larger Type, 5 Bedroom Detached House, situated in a quiet developement within the highly sought after Penny Hill Lane Area. With easy Access to the Newton Road, this property also benefits from Central Heating, Double Glazing, Intruder alarm and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Briefly Comprises- 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen/ Diner, Large Conservatory, Utility, Guest Cloaks/ WC, Master Bedroom with En Suite Bathroom/ WC, 2nd Bedroom with Ensuite Shower Room/ WC, 3 Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom/ WC, 2nd Floor Shower Room/ WC, Garden to Rear and Double Garage with Driveway Off Road Parking.

OFFERS AROUND: **£359,950**
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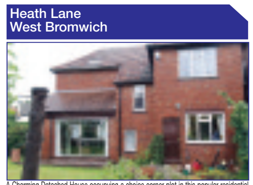
Heath Lane, West Bromwich



A Charming Detached House occupying a choice corner plot in this popular residential area. Centrally heated, double glazed and intruder alarmed. Many character features. Hall, Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen, Spacious Extended Lounge/ Dining Room, 1 King Size Bedroom, 2 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom/WC and Off road parking for up to 4 cars at the rear.

OFFERS AROUND: **£149,950**
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Huntingdon Road, West Bromwich

An Attractive Mid Terraced House offering excellent position for local amenities. Centrally Heated and Double Glazed. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Through Lounge/ Diner, Conservatory, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Good Size Rear Garden and Driveway Off Road Parking to Front.

OFFERS AROUND: **£114,950**
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Lincoln Road, West Bromwich

A Corner Plot Semi Detached House with excellent potential to extend (subject to planning permission). No Upward Chain. Accomodation comprises- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to front, rear & side and Off Road Parking

OFFERS AROUND: **£80,000**
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Hollyhedge Road, West Bromwich — REDUCED

An Spacious Double Fronted Semi Detached House with Excellent Extension Potential (subject to planning permission). Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. Accommodation Comprises- Hall With Guest Cloaks/ WC, Through Lounge, Conservatory, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom with Seperate WC, Large Rear Garden, Driveway Off Road Parking and Garage.

OFFERS AROUND: **£194,950**
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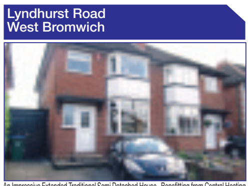
Lyndhurst Road, West Bromwich



An Impressive Extended Traditional Semi Detached House. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazed. Accommodation Comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Fitted Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Good size split level rear garden with rear vehicle access, Driveway Parking to Front leading to Garage/ Utility.

OFFERS AROUND: **£146,000**
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Pennyhill Lane, West Bromwich

A Fully Modernised, Extended Tradiational Semi Detached House situated on the highly Popular Pennyhill Lane. No Upward Chain. Accomodation Coimprises- Porch, Hall, Extended Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Kitchen, Ground Floor Shower Room/ WC, Master Bedroom with Ensuite Shower Room/ WC, 3 Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom/ WC. Gardens to Front & Rear, Block Paved Driveway leading to Garage.

OFFERS AROUND: **£224,950**
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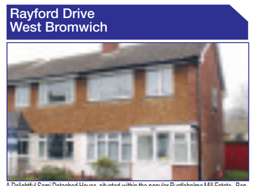
Rayford Drive, West Bromwich



A Delightful Semi Detached House, situated within the popular Bustleholme Mill Estate. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises Porch, Lounge and Open Plan Kitchen/ Diner, 3 Bedrooms 2 with fitted wardrobes, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Driveway Off Road Parking Leading to Garage.

OFFERS AROUND: **£125,950**
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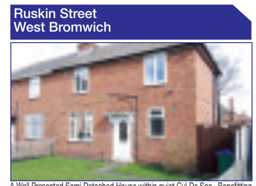
Ruskin Street, West Bromwich



A Well Presented Semi Detached House within quiet Cul De Sac. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Refitted Kitchen/ Diner, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC and Large Gardens to Front & Rear.

OFFERS AROUND: **£112,000**
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Wheatley Street, West Bromwich

An Excellent Extended Semi Detached House positioned on a substantial corner plot with extension potential (subject to planning permission). Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Large Gardens to Front, Rear & Side and Large Detached Garage with Gated Vehicle Access.

OFFERS AROUND: **£108,000**
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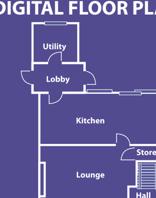

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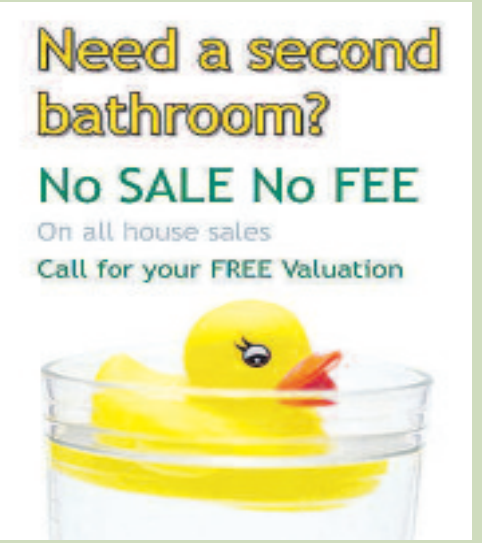

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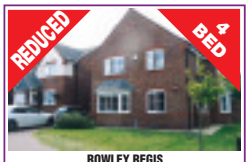

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OLDBURY
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OLDBURY
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QUINTON
MAX ROAD
Well presented traditional style semi-detached residence located in popular residential area in Quinton comprising enclosed porch, reception hall, two reception rooms, conservatory, kitchen, downstairs guest wc, three bedrooms, first floor bathroom/wc with electric shower, off road parking to front, attractive rear garden, double glazing and gas central heating. Viewing recommended. Available for viewings now.
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BEAKES ROAD
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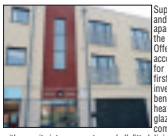

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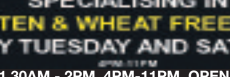
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THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL
(LEWISHAM ROAD, ETC., SMETHWICK)
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2011
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
(AS AMENDED) AND
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976AND THE ACQUISITION OF LAND ACT 1981

1. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, in exercise of his powers under the above Acts, on 20 September 2011 confirmed with modifications The Borough Council of Sandwell (Lewisham Road, etc., Smethwick) Compulsory Purchase Order 2011 submitted by the Borough Council of Sandwell.
2. The order as confirmed provides for the purchase for the purposes of delivering comprehensive development, redevelopment or improvement to provide a housing led mixed use scheme of the land and the new rights described in Schedule 1 hereto.
3. A copy of the order as confirmed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and of the map referred to therein have been deposited at the offices of the Director of Legal and Governance Services, Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands B69 3DE and the offices of the Council at Smethwick Council House, High Street, Smethwick, West Midlands and may be seen at all reasonable hours.
4. The order as confirmed becomes operative on the date on which this notice is first published. A person aggrieved by the order may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks from that date, challenge its validity under section 23 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981. The grounds for challenge can be that the authorisation granted by the order is not empowered to be granted or that there has been a failure to comply with any relevant statutory requirement relating to the order.

SCHEDULE 1
Land and the new rights comprised in the order as confirmed

Road Name	Description
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	The A1 Trading Estate
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Mafeking Road	No.1
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Bridge Street North	Factory Unit known as Nos. 60 - 80

Statement concerning General Vesting Declarations
Part I below contains a Statement of Effect of Parts II and III of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981

Power to make general vesting declaration

1. The Borough Council of Sandwell (hereinafter called "the Council") may acquire any of the land described in the Schedule above by making a general vesting declaration under section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981. This has the effect, subject to paragraph 4 below, of vesting the land in the Council at the end of the period mentioned in paragraph 2 below. A declaration may not be made before the end of a period of two months from the first publication of a notice which includes this statement except with the consent in writing of every occupier of the land affected.

Notices concerning general vesting declaration

2. As soon as may be after the Council make a general vesting declaration, they must serve notice of it on every occupier of any of the land specified in the declaration (except land where there is one of the tenancies described in paragraph 3) and on every person who gives them information relating to the land in pursuance of the invitation contained in any notice. When the service of notices of the general vesting declaration is completed, a further period begins to run. This period, which must not be less than 28 days, will be specified in the declaration. On the first day after the end of this period ("the vesting date") the land described in the declaration will, subject to what is said in paragraph 4, vest in the Council together with the right to enter on the land and take possession of it. Every person on whom the Council could have served a notice to treat in respect of his interest in the land (other than a tenant under one of the tenancies described in paragraph 3) will be entitled to claim compensation for the acquisition of his interest in the land, with interest on the compensation from the vesting date.

Modifications with respect to certain tenancies

3. In the case of certain tenancies, the position stated above is subject to modifications. The modifications apply where the tenancy is either a "minor tenancy", ie. a tenancy for a year or a yearly tenancy or a lesser interest, or "a long tenancy which is about to expire". The latter expression means a tenancy granted for an interest greater than a minor tenancy but having on the vesting date the period still to run which is not more than the period specified in the declaration for this purpose (which must be more than a year). In calculating how long a tenancy has still to run, where any option to renew or to terminate it is available to either party, it shall be assumed that the landlord will take every opportunity open to him to terminate the tenancy while the tenant will use every opportunity to retain or renew his interest.
4. The modifications are that the Council may not exercise the right of entry referred to in paragraph 2 in respect of land subject to a tenancy described in paragraph 3 unless they first serve notice to treat in respect of the tenancy and then serve every occupier of the land with a notice of their intention to enter and take possession after the period (not less than 14 days from the service of the notice) specified in the notice. The right of entry will be exercisable at the end of that period. The vesting of the land will be subject to the tenancy until the end of that period or until the tenancy comes to an end, whichever happens first.

Dated this 3rd day of November 2011

N SHARMA
Director of Legal and Governance Services

Every person who, if a general vesting declaration were executed in respect of all the land comprised in the order, (other than land in respect of which notice to treat has been served), would be entitled to claim compensation in respect of any such land is invited to give information to the authority making the declaration in the prescribed form with respect to his name and address and the land in question.

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The effect of the Order will be to close the slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 1.

The work will be carried out over two nights between 20:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Monday 14 November 2011.
The Order will come into force on 7 November 2011.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the works or by a traffic officer will be exempt from the closures. A diversion route via Junction 9 of the M6 will be well signed.

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2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via M6 Junction 7 southbound to M6 Junction 6 and back to Junction 7.
3. The Order will take effect on 21 November 2011, and it is anticipated that the works may commence on that day. The works are expected to be carried out during the hours of 10pm until 6am daily and are expected to be completed on 25 November 2011. However, the Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
4. Any queries about the works to take place should be directed to Byron Mothershaw of Amey on telephone number 01922 651817. Any queries about the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Irfan Choudry, Highways Services Manager, Environment House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich, B70 8RU (Telephone 0845 352 1857).

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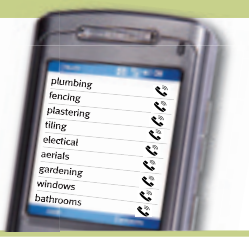

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BOXING

Glover fails to upset odds

Lee Glover goes on the defensive against London-based Choi Tseveenpurev

TIPTON'S Lee Glover was left cursing the luck of the draw after his early exit from 'Prizefighter' on Saturday night, *writes Matt Bozeat.*

Glover was paired with red-hot favourite Choi Tseveenpurev in their quarter-final at the York Hall in Bethnal Green – and the 24 year-old bowed out after a two-round stoppage loss.

Choi, a former WBU world champion rated among the world's top 30 featherweights, went on to claim the £32,000 winner's cheque with victories over Londoner George Jupp and Rhys Roberts in the final.

Manager Errol Johnson said: "It's disappointing because Lee didn't really show what he can do."

Before the event Johnson had said the fighter he hoped to avoid was Choi. The 40-year-old London-based Mongolian went into Saturday night's dust-up with 10 knock-out wins inside three rounds and had been beaten only once since March, 2004.

Champion

That was inflicted by Derry Mathews in 'Prizefighter' last November and the Liverpudlian beat him by out-punching him throughout three rounds of non-stop action.

Glover, unbeaten in six fights and the International Masters featherweight champion, took similar tactics with him into the ring in front of the Sky Sports cameras and a large, noisy contingent of fans who had made the trip to East London from the Black Country.

Glover was forced to hold inside a minute of the opening round after a right hook connected flush. He regrouped and appeared to be winning the round until Choi landed a right hand that flung Glover to his knees.

Up quickly, Glover protested to referee Victor Loughlin that he had slipped, but the 'eight' count meant the round was lost.

At the start of the second, Glover still took the fight to Choi but a right hand landed with dramatic effect, sending Glover to his knees. Again, he was up quickly and although clear-eyed, he was unable to control his legs and the referee signalled the end.

European bouts for Tividale kickboxers

Daniel Lowe, 16, and Ryan Davies, 18, prepare for the European Championships

TWO kickboxers from Tividale are competing in Venice for the ISKA European Kickboxing Championships.

Ryan Davies, aged 18, and Daniel Lowe, 16, are competing against fighters from countries including Italy, Spain and Greece during the three-day tournament this week.

The pair, members of the School of Blackbelts in Popes Lane, Oldbury, have defeated more than 10 fighters each to qualify for the competition.

Wayne Stokes, who is chief instructor at the School of Blackbelts, said there was no reason why they could not emerge victorious at the championships in Italy.

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'Best yet to come,' says boss

COLESHILL 0 TIVIDALE 3

TIVIDALE brushed aside Coleshill Town with a comprehensive all-round performance that saw them totally dominate the game from start to finish.

The match began with Tividale opening brightly and they scored on 12 minutes following persistent pressure resulting in several corners when Sam Williams put them one up while on the floor during a goal mouth scramble.

Minutes later the same player came close to doubling the lead when he almost scored with a powerful header which just cleared the crossbar.

Further efforts followed from Chris Russell, Adam Wattley and Adam Simkiss which brought good saves from Paul Hathaway in the Coleshill goal.

The home side gradually got into the game and in the 34th minute Tim Beech was forced to make a good save from a 25-yard stinger from Warner.

Five minutes later Russell again went close before he got on the scoresheet just before half-time after good work down the right by Kyle Hill set up the lively striker, who made no mistake from 15 yards with a fine right-foot drive.

The second half failed to live up to the fine open play that both teams played before the interval and it took 20 minutes before both Russell and substitute Matt Jukes went close to increasing the Tividale advantage.

At the other end Coleshill could not penetrate the Tividale defence which was well marshaled by skipper Andy Parsons and Mark Turton, as goalkeeper Beech was restricted to a virtual onlooker.

The game was effectively over as a contest when Coleshill midfielder Ben Porter was given a straight red card in the 78th minute for a foul on Wattley.

His dismissal led to a loss of intent from the home side and during the final 10 minutes Tividale created a number of chances but could only find the net from the penalty spot in the 88th minute.

The opportunity arose when Russell was hacked down near the penalty spot as he was bearing down on the Coleshill goal. The Tividale top goalscorer picked himself up and confidently found the corner of the net past the right hand of Hathaway.

The result leaves Tividale seventh in the Midland Alliance.

Manager Dean Whitehouse said he felt his his team won comfortably but added: "I feel that we have yet to play as good as we can do and I believe the best is yet to come from our young side."

Tividale face a difficult match at the Beeches on Saturday against in-form Heather St John's.

Sam Williams (on the floor) scores while Stefan Messimo celebrates. Picture: Ian Peters

Amateurs handed semi pass

AMATEUR fighters Liam Etheridge and Dale Doody ensured there will be a West Midlands presence in the semi-finals of the Clubs for Young People national championships – without throwing a punch.

Wednesbury ABC's Doody, a light flyweight, had already been told he had a walk over in Class C, for competitors born in 1992 or 1993.

But Liam Etheridge, from Pleck ABC in Walsall, actually arrived at the Monty Hind Youth Club in Nottingham on Saturday afternoon before discovering his opponent had failed to make the weight.

Limit

Joe Fitzpatrick, from the Holy Trinity ABC in Belfast, had come in 1kg over the 52kg bantamweight limit so Etheridge progressed without boxing in Class B, fighters born in 1994.

However, the 'walk over' rule cost Walsall Wood ABC's Mason Holmes the chance to progress, as he was pulled from the quarter-final with the flu.

The two West Midlands fighters that did compete suffered points losses.

Wolverhampton ABC's Carnell Brown was well beaten by John Grotty, while another fighter from Stevenage ABC, Jack Burnidge, took a split decision against Wodensborough ABC's Josh Stokes.

Stokes make Burnidge work for the win in a close call, with a point in it on all three judges' scorecards.

Robins leave Bs in bottom three

BUSTLEHOLME 1 DUDLEY TOWN 2

BUSTLEHOLME fell to defeat against Dudley Town, although the scoreline could have been more flattering for the visitors had they taken their chances.

The hosts themselves had a quite a hint of Dudley Town about them with Marvin Whitter, Rich Hill and Danny Bell all featuring for the Bs, while keeper Matt Martin had spent the summer on trial at The Dell.

Town fans would have been delighted to see Ash Dale's name on the list of substitutes after the youngster sustained an horrific leg injury in the clash between the two sides last November.

Dudley certainly started the brighter and their dominance would last pretty much the whole of the 90 minutes.

Rion Francis-Mills had a great chance to give Dudley an early lead but his shot crept just wide of Martin's goal.

The B's keeper also had to be on song to deny Dreniz Bala after the Croatian had fired in a firm shot from just outside the six-yard box.

It was no surprise when Dudley took the lead on 11 minutes when defender Ross Love made contact to a pinpoint Danny Ludlow cross to steer the ball into the net.

After conceding the home side stepped up a gear, with visiting keeper James Trevalen doing well to block former Robins striker Whitter.

Level

On 24 minutes the scores were level. After Spencer Lloyd had been brought down by Richard Langford, midfielder Adam Burgess dispatched the resulting free-kick over the wall and past Trevalen.

Reeling from the injustice of being pegged back after being so dominant, Dudley again started to control play from within the home side's half.

The best chance of the remainder of the first period fell to Ben Stretton who lashed his shot over the crossbar after Bala had crafted a beautiful ball into his path.

The visitors started the second half even more ferociously and it only took them eight minutes to re-take the lead.

Ludlow sent an unstoppable free-kick that eventually got diverted in off the head of defender Connor Deeley-Brewer.

The Robins continued to batter the Bustleholme backline and should really have been 3-1 up just past the hour mark after the impressive Ludlow saw his cross turned past the post by Bala.

The run of bad luck in front of goal was even starting to affect the in-form Rion Francis-Mills who saw his shot blocked out of nowhere by Chris Norton when it appeared the highly-rated youngster had extended his side's advantage.

There was still time for Bala and Store to threaten the scorers as the game edged to its conclusion, while Spencer Lloyd saw red for a second bookable offence with just 10 minutes remaining to complete a miserable day for the home side, who stay in the bottom three.

SPEEDWAY

New owners revved up for the Brummies

BIRMINGHAM Brummies speedway is gearing up for a bright future thanks to a new ownership deal signed.

Current owners R&D Aggregates Ltd have sold their promotion at Perry Barr Stadium to Birmingham Brummies Ltd, a subsidiary company of BCTG, an Oldbury-based employment and training business.

On signing the deal Alan Phillips, BCTG financial director and lifelong speedway fan pledged to make the Brummies the "pride of the city" and the "elite of the elite".

He confirmed the management team of promoter and team manager Graham Drury, administration manager Denise Drury and commercial manager Joe McLaughlin would remain.

He thanked Anthony Mole, R&D Aggregates Ltd director, for accepting the title of Honorary President of the Birmingham Speedway Club.

Chris Luty, BCTG director, added: "We are proud to become involved with the Brummies and are committed to build on the success of team. Our aim is for the new season is to improve on our solid foundations."

Alan Phillips added: "We aim to make the Brummies the pride of the city. We are absolutely delighted to be given the opportunity to contribute towards making the team the elite of the elite.

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Brothers on target for AFC Smethwick

TRYSULL 1 AFC•SMETHWICK 4

THIS was a game that showed Smethwick can win ugly as they reduced West Midlands Division One table-toppers Wellington's advantage to four points.

After playing some great football over the last nine weeks and not getting beaten, this could have been a banana skin game for the Sandwell side.

Two well-taken goals from Martin Lewis put Smethwick 2-0 up after 30 minutes and they looked in total control.

But a goal five minutes before the break from the home side put the pressure on the visitors.

The second half started with Trysull dominating the game. But the introduction of two Smethwick substitutes made all the difference and helped seal the points.

Darren Lewis aded to his brother's goals and Jack notched the other to give Smethwick a deserved success that keeps them in second spot.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Toss of coin sees manager take on ref's job

WARLEY ALBION 1 TIPTON UNITED 3

AN injury to the assigned match referee at a previous game meant that the sides had to toss a coin to see who was to take on the role of match official and the Tipton manager won or lost, depending on your viewpoint.

Tipton took the lead after being awarded a penalty for a shoulder barge. Albion accepted the decision and Cuz Kullar slotted home past Warley's captain Jack Graham. Tipton extended the lead when Albion defender Marcus Morris got caught playing the offside trap and played Kullar on side who again found the back of the net.

Joe Roberts played Danny Daly through minutes later to bring Albion back into the game and a period of sustained pressure by the home side followed but Albion insisted on trying to walk the ball into the net. The second half started with Tipton pressuring the home side and Hadley Dodd hit a 20-yard screamer that flew past Graham into the far corner to put the visitors 3-1 up.

Harry Withers had covered every blade of grass and was unlucky to see his effort hit the side netting.

Wednesbury Rangers 12
Lee Sports 0

Wednesbury Rangers faced bottom club Lee Sports and came out with a convincing and comfortable victory.

The goal glut came from: Ben Taylor (2), Brett Maxfield (2), Liam Whitcombe (3), Zak Furnival (3), Shaikul Islam (1) and Joshua Sandhu (1).

Tributes paid to rugby stalwart

TRIBUTES have been pouring in from across the Midlands rugby community for Roy Maye, who has died after a long illness, aged 69.

Mr Maye, of Erdington, played the game for many years with Birchfield RFC and later with Birmingham Barbarians, a club formed after the merger of Birchfield and Kynoch in 2003.

He was an active member of the North Midlands Society of Rugby Union Referees and was also a long-standing committee member at Birmingham Barbarians serving as treasurer, vice president and life member.

Barbarians chairman and close friend Dave Harman said: "Roy was loved and respected by everyone at Birchfield and latterly Birmingham Barbarians and he'll be sadly missed. He battled against cancer for a number of years but continued to come down to matches to support the club as well as refereeing from time to time.

"Roy once told me that he started playing rugby when he was in the Army after being approached by a sergeant asking if he was doing anything and so played his first game. He didn't intend to play a second game until he was informed that the sergeant was in charge of the payroll and if he wanted to be paid on time it would be advisable to keep playing.

"He was well known in and around Birmingham on the rugby circuit as one of the few Jamaican referees and for his stand on strict discipline by players on the pitch. He refereed up until 18 months ago when his illness started to take its toll. His last game of rugby for the Barbarians was on tour to Scarborough five years ago. He was running the line with the help of a walking stick and when one of our lads was injured, Roy ripped off his tracksuit to reveal he was wearing his kit. He threw the walking stick to one side and ran on the pitch!"

His funeral is due to take place today (Thursday) at 11.30am at Camp Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church.

sport

Mongolian mauler Choi Tseveenpurev was too hot to handle for Tipton battler Lee Glover at London's York Hall

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BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Baggies (0)	0	Liverpool (2)	2
		Adam 9(p) Carroll 45	

Att 25,522

MATCH STATS

44%	Possession	56%
6 (2/4)	Shots on target	(4/4) 8
4 (2/2)	Shots off target	(4/6) 10
3 (1/2)	Offsides	(1/7) 8
12 (9/3)	Fouls	(6/3) 9
3 (0/3)	Corners	(7/3) 10
1	Yellow Cards	0
0	Red Cards	0

REFEREE: Lee Mason (Lancashire).

BAGGIES PLAYER STATS

1	Foster	(3 Catch 1 Parry 3 Punch 1 Round Post)
12	Reid	➡1 🦶2 ★1 ✖1 ✔1 ☞2
3	Olsson	➡2 🦶7 ✣1 ✖2 ☞1
23	McAuley	➡1 🦶2 ✔3
28	Jones	🦶1 ✖1 ✔1 ☞2
11	Brunt	★1 ✖1 ☞3
33	Scharner	🦶1 ★1
21	Mulumbu	✣1 ✖1
14	Thomas	✣1 ✖3 ✔3 ☞4
24	Odemwingie	★1 ✖2 ◆3
5	Tchoyi	✣1 ✖1 ☞3

subs: 7 Morrison ☞1 for 33 **[58 mins]**, 17 Dorrans ★2 ✔1 for 21 **[62 mins]**, 31 Cox for 5 **[71 mins]**, **not used:** 13 Fulop, 20 Shorey, 22 Gera, 25 Dawson

LIVERPOOL PLAYER STATS

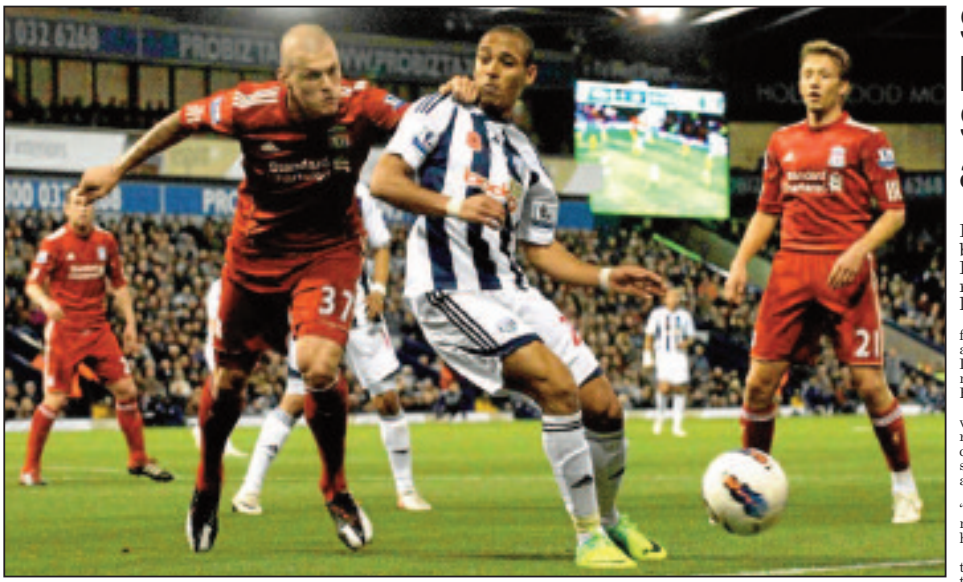
25	Reina	(4 Catch)
2	Johnson	🦶1 ✖2 ✔1 ◆1 ☞4
37	Skrtel	➡1 🦶1
5	Agger	➡3 🦶3 ✔3
3	Jose Enrique	🦶1 ★1 ☞5
14	Henderson	✣1 ✖1 ✔1 ☞2
26	Adam	🦶1 ★1 ✣1 ✖1 ☞3
21	Lucas	✖1 ✔2
19	Downing	✣2 ✔2 ◆2 ☞3
7	Suarez	★1 ✣4 ✖2 ✔2 ◆3 ☞3
9	Carroll	★4 ✣2 ✖2 ✔1 ◆2 ☞1

subs: 39 Bellamy for 7 **[81 mins]**, **not used:** 32 Doni, 11 Maxi, 16 Coates, 18 Kuyt, 20 Spearing, 38 Flanagan

Key to reading the player stats: ➡ defensive block 🦶 defensive clearance ★ shot on target ✣ shot off target ✖ Fouls committed ✔ Free-kicks won ◆ Caught offside ☞ Crosses

League Table

Man City	10	5	0	0	16	2	4	1	0	20	6	28
Man Utd	10	4	0	1	17	9	3	2	0	10	3	23
Chelsea	10	4	0	1	15	9	2	1	2	8	6	19
Newcastle	9	3	2	0	8	4	2	2	0	4	2	19
Tottenham	9	3	0	1	10	7	3	1	1	8	7	19
Liverpool	10	2	3	0	8	5	3	0	2	6	5	18
Arsenal	10	4	0	1	9	4	1	1	3	11	17	16
Norwich	10	2	2	1	9	7	1	2	2	5	8	13
Aston Villa	10	2	2	1	7	4	0	4	1	6	9	12
Swansea	10	3	2	0	8	1	0	1	4	4	14	12
Stoke	9	2	2	0	4	1	1	1	3	3	10	12
Q.P.R.	10	1	3	1	3	6	2	0	3	5	11	12
BAGGIES	**10**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**3**	**5**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**6**	**8**	**11**
Sunderland	10	1	2	2	9	7	1	2	2	5	5	10
Fulham	10	1	3	1	10	6	1	1	3	3	6	10
Everton	9	1	1	3	5	7	2	0	2	5	6	10
Wolves	10	1	1	3	5	9	1	1	3	4	8	8
Blackburn	10	1	0	4	6	12	0	3	2	7	11	6
Bolton	10	0	0	5	4	17	2	0	3	9	10	6
Wigan	10	1	1	3	5	8	0	1	4	1	9	5



Martin Skrtel gets to grips with Baggies front-runner Peter Odemwingie

Albion are handed a painful reminder

AFTER a double-helping of derby-day joy came a dose of reality for Albion.

If rousing victories over Wolves and Villa brought Baggies fans the very best Premier League emotions, a routine defeat to Liverpool reminded everyone in stripes just how unforgiving top-flight life can be.

Saturday evening at The Hawthorns wasn't a time for shouting or screaming, panicking or recriminating or turning to any of the other depressing knee-jerk responses of modern-day football, especially in light of the significant strides made in preceding weeks.

It was, however, a time for Albion's players to reflect on why, after claiming well-deserved triumphs against their nearest and bitterest rivals, they barely made Liverpool break sweat to leave the West Midlands with the simplest of three points added to their tally.

While this side might not yet resemble those of when Kenny Dalglish was in his playing pomp, there is still no shame in losing out to a team that has cost the iconic Anfield gaffer the thick end of £120m of American riches to assemble.

For Albion, though, the manner of defeat left players, coaches and supporters alike feeling rightly disgruntled and searching for answers.

The hotly-debated ninth-minute penalty that set Liverpool on their way to victory did nothing to aid the Baggies' chances of a third successive top-flight success.

On another day, with another set of officials, Jerome Thomas's coming-together with the fabulous Luis Suarez might have gone unpunished and the hosts might have created a firmer platform from which to reach for a win.

But hiding behind the controversial call from over-eager linesman Gary Beswick would, for Roy Hodgson and his Hawthorns players, amount to ignoring a crucial reminder that might, if they harness it correctly, serve them well in the weeks ahead.

ALBION 0
LIVERPOOL 2

After combining committed defending and inventive attacking to see off Wolves and Villa, the Baggies rediscovered on Saturday what deep down they knew already – anything less than those top-notch derby efforts will simply not cut the mustard at Premier League level.

They let their standards slip on Saturday and Liverpool duly made them pay.

Of equal concern to Hodgson will be the apparent impact that the loss of Shane Long to injury had on the potency of his side. The Baggies head coach always hoped that the Ireland international would prove he was right to press-gang chairman Jeremy Peace into splashing out a transfer fee that was against his better judgment.

Sidelined

But with the former Reading man potentially sidelined for the next month, Hodgson might now be wishing Long hadn't become quite so vital quite so quickly.

With the three-goal hitman's non-stop movement and hunger for lost causes missing against the Reds and Peter Odemwingie reverting to the underwhelming form of the season's early weeks, the Baggies lacked the cutting edge required to trouble a visiting defence marshaled by the classy Daniel Agger.

Hodgson must hope that the lack of spark between Odemwingie and Somen Tchoyi on Saturday represented merely a bad day at the office for the pair, who look set to shoulder the burden of leading the forward line in the absence of Long.

It was in the opposite penalty area, however, where the game's main talking point occurred as referee Lee Mason, having apparently turned down Suarez's penalty appeals in the ninth minute, reconsidered on the advice of his assistant, allowing Charlie Adam to convert from the spot.

And once they were behind, a strangely flat Albion lacked the wherewithal to drag themselves back into the game.

Once Jonas Olsson's misplaced pass sparked a Reds counter-attack from which Andy Carroll doubled the lead in first-half stoppage time, Liverpool were comfortable.

And a shot across goal and wide of the target from Tchoyi early in the second period was as close as Hodgson's men went to worrying his former club.

A couple of smart saves from Baggies keeper Ben Foster prevented the visitors adding to their tally while the exhilarating Suarez did everything apart from score.

The final whistle simply confirmed a result that had seemed inevitable for more than an hour.

It left Hodgson and his players to reflect on the kind of the day that, for clubs like Albion, the Premier League tends to deliver.

Nothing in the top flight comes easy. And if the Baggies were in danger of forgetting, they're not any more. **Steve Madeley**

TALKING POINT

On a disappointing day for Albion, at least Roy Hodgson's trio of substitutes gave the head coach some food for thought as he begins preparing for Saturday's trip to Arsenal. With Somen Tchoyi and Peter Odemwingie failing to click as a pairing, Simon Cox's late cameo pressed his claims for inclusion at the Emirates. Both James Morrison and Graham Dorrans did well in central midfield roles. Plus, Zoltan Gera is also edging closer to full fitness and will be keen to figure.

NEXT THREE GAMES

ARSENAL (A) SATURDAY
Albion will have to improve significantly if they want to replicate last season's magical win at the Emirates.

BOLTON (H) NOV 19
Rarely are the Baggies clear favourites for a Premier League game but they will be for this one, given the Trotters' form.

TOTTENHAM (H) NOV 26
Albion drew twice with Spurs last season and another point at The Hawthorns would represent a decent return.

Scharner brands Suarez a diver

ALBION midfielder Paul Scharner has branded Liverpool striker Luis Suarez a diver – and revealed his fears of a lengthy injury lay-off.

The Baggies man was heading for scans on a worrying knee ligament injury still fuming over Liverpool's controversial ninth-minute penalty in their 2-0 Hawthorns win on Saturday.

The Austrian international, who was upset at Suarez's response to Jerome Thomas's challenge, fears he suffered serious damage when landing awkwardly in the second half.

"It is a knee problem," he said. "It is ligament damage. After the match it looked terrible and it hurt a lot.

"But hopefully the results of the scan will not be as bad as I'm thinking at the moment."

Twisted

Scharner twisted his knee when landing awkwardly and simultaneously colliding with Charlie Adam, although he cleared the Liverpool midfielder of any blame for the injury.

But the 30-year-old was less kind to Suarez, who angered the Baggies by tumbling after making contact with Thomas.

Referee Lee Mason initially dismissed penalty appeals but then awarded a spot-kick on the advice of linesman Gary Beswick.

"It was a nice dive for the penalty and that got Liverpool well started for the game," said Scharner.

"It put us under pressure and we weren't good enough to respond.

"He is very good at winning penalties. He's one of the best on the planet, in fact.

"I had a good view of it. If that's a penalty, then you will find 1,500 penalties given in every match."

Albion boss Roy Hodgson refused to criticise the officials but called for a wider debate on what offences should lead to penalties.

Question

"I don't think the standard of refereeing is poor," said Hodgson.

"Some of the offside decisions on Saturday were quite incredible, like a linesman who can get a decision right where I would be hard-pushed without video evidence to know if a man was offside.

"So I don't think there's a problem with officiating.

"I don't think it's a standard of officials, more a question of making certain the really big decisions are not treated as lightly as they seem to be on occasions."

No deal yet for Onuoha

ALBION have not lined up a deal to sign Manchester City defender Nedum Onuoha in January despite reports to the contrary.

The Baggies attempted to sign Onuoha on loan in August and retain an interest in the player, but there has been no contact between the clubs since transfer deadline day.

Thomas says referee was wrong to take linesman's advice

STRAIGHT-talking winger Jerome Thomas admitted Albion's performance against Liverpool was "not good enough" but criticised the officials over the Reds' controversial penalty.

Thomas was penalised for his foul on Luis Suarez in the ninth minute of Saturday's Premier League showdown but Thomas was upset that referee Lee Mason awarded the spot-kick on a linesman's advice after initially turning down appeals.

However, the Hawthorns wide-man admitted the hosts' performance had been sub-standard as they failed to follow-up their back-to-back top-flight derby wins.

"It didn't think it was a penalty at the time and I don't even think the referee did," said Thomas.

"It didn't look like he was going to give it and then the linesman flagged and I guess that's what made up his mind.

"I always thought the assistants were exactly that. I thought they were there to assist if the referee couldn't see it. Not only was the referee close enough but he seemed to have seen it and didn't think it was a penalty.

"I can't really answer that for him but I guess the linesman thought it was a penalty and they gave it.

"I think he (Suarez) might have even slipped because he slipped later on in the first half and collided with me and I got the free-kick that time.

"It was just a case of a collision in the box and I went away with the ball so I don't know what the linesman saw."

Albion failed to test Reds keeper Pepe Reina until late in the game and Thomas admitted they had failed to produce their best.

"It wasn't good enough. We didn't start well enough, we didn't play well enough in the first half and I think it was a glimpses of the old West Brom from last season – going a goal or two goals down and expecting to come back. Against this calibre or team we know we can't do that.

"We did take the game to them in the second half and we did play a lot better, which is the only plus or bonus we can take from the performance, but it wasn't good enough."

Former Premier League referee Dermot Gallagher today said of the Suarez incident: "It's a clear foul and penalty. He's tripped him."

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